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David King, Emily Bennett of MIA General Board Superintendencies Coming To Largest Div. 12 Institute

Elder David S. King, YMMIA General Age Group Superintendent and Emily H. Bennett, First Counselor in the YWMIA General Presidency will head the large delegation of General Board members attending the Division 12, Mutual Improvement Association Institute which convenes on Saturday, March 9 in the Bay area.

There will be twenty-two departments conducted during the Institute each one of which will be headed by a General Board specialist. Ten chapels will be required to house the work of the Institute and will include chapels in Alameda, Berkeley, Hayward, Oakland, Richmond, San Leandro and Walnut Creek.

It is anticipated the more than fifteen hundred Mutual workers from the 120 wards and 12 stakes of the division will attend the sessions.

Sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m., March 9th, in the Walnut Creek chapel. This will be followed at 10 a.m. by a two hour meeting of Stake MIA executives from 12 stakes. The afternoon 22 department sessions start at 2 p.m. and will include ward and stake officers, teachers and activity leaders meeting in various ward chapels.

The day-long institute will be climaxed in the evening by a grand general session at the Walnut Creek chapel. This session will be conducted by Elder King and the general public is invited to attend. The program of the meeting will feature inspirational messeges and fine music by the Oakland-Berkeley Stake M.I.A chorus, conducted by Verna Johnson, stake YWMIA music director.

All morning sessions will be held at the Walnut Creek chapel, Overlook Drive and Harvard Way, Walnut Creek.

Departmental sessions in the afternoon are scheduled to be held as follows for all ward and stake workers: Executives, Walnut Creek chapel; YMMIA and YWMIA Secretaries - Treasurers, Attendance Secretaries, YMMIA and YWMIA Era Directors, Richmond Chapel, 28th and Nevin Streets, Richmond; Special Interest Supervisors and Drama Directors, Berkeley Chapel, Walnut and Vine Streets, Berkeley; M Mmen-Gleaner Leaders, Oakland 3rd Chapel, 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland.

Also sessions for Junior M Men and Junior Gleaners, leaders, San Leandro chapel, 250 Juana Avenue, San Leandro; Explorer and Mia Maids supervisors, Oakland 2nd ward chapel, Thermal near 98th Avenue, Oakland; Boy Scout and Bee Hive Girl leaders, Claremont chapel, 2334 Stuart Street, Berkeley; Dance and Music directors, Alameda ward chapel, 1201 Grand Avenue, Alameda; Athletic, Sports, Camp and Speech directors, Oakland 4th ward chapel, 4705 Virgina Avenue, Oakland.

Walnut Creek Stake

Vinal G. Mauss Sustained As Stake Patriarch

VINAL G. MAUSS

. . . new patiarch of Walnut Creek Stake, furnishes this barefacts information:

Born: Oct. 16, 1900 Murray, Utah.

Son of: Bishop Michael Mauss and Charlotte Wright Mauss (both deceased)

Places of residences: Murray, Utah; Salt Lake City, Utah; Long Beach, California; Oakland and Walnut Creek, California.

Schooling: Graduated from LDS Business College 1920; University of California, Extension Division.

Missionary: Japanese Mission 1922

Married: June 15, 1927 to Ethel L. Lind, Salt Lake Temple.

Children: Armand L. Mauss; Marguerite L. Eliason; Gordon E. Mauss.

Vocation: Real Estate Broker (Beneficial Realty Service).

Church Work: Served as president of all priesthood quorums; served as president for ward and stake Sunday Schools; MIA; genealogical committee, also ward choir. Also have served as teacher in these various organizations.

Church Callings: Bishopric Oakland Ward 7½ years; bishop of Oakland; Stake chairman genealogical committe, Walnut Creek Stake and now patriarch of Walnut Creek Stake.

Incidents & Experiences: Have had no spectacular incidents or experiences, but a constant and steady manifestation of the Lord's work. I have felt the power of the Lord working through me in the healing of the sick; in making important decisions while acting as bishop and mission president. I found that every decision made under inspiration turned out right and resulted in good. My greatest happiness has been to feel the Spirit of the Lord operating through me and to know I was being directed by him. The association with this Spirit has brought an unmistakable assurance of calm serenity to my life and filled my soul with unspeakable joy. In this my new calling as patriarch I shall earnestly seek for that same Spirit so that every patriarchal blessing given by me will indeed be the mind and will of the Lord for each person so blessed.

Funeral Services Pay Homages Of Respect For President Ranker Walnut Creek Stake

Memorial Sermon For Pres. Ranker By Elder Harold B. Lee Of The Council Of Twelve Apostles

by Elder Harold B. Lee

(Shorthand recording and notes courtesy of Wanda Hilton)

Sermon in full in March and April Messenger

Representing the General Authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of Twelve delivered a notable oration at the funeral services for the late President Ranker of Walnut Creek Stake, Thursday, February 7th in the Walnut Creek chapel. Elder Lee spoke as follows:

When yesterday and the day before, the shocking news of the passing of our beloved Stake President went around in the circle where I live, mostly there was but one expression, Sister Ranker and family . . . President McKay, President Richards, President Clark, members of the Twelve. And when the word was passed around that I was to come down and represent them today at these services, telephones were ringing throughout the day and evening. "Please give to that lovely wife and family our heart-felt sympathy." And then they said, "Comfort his people. Console them in their great loss." I hope I'm big enough to do that for you wonderful people.

ELDER HAROLD B. LEE, OF THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE

delivered the sermon at the funeral of President Ranker

I suppose I could say, paraphrasing what someone else has said, "There's only one heart in Walnut Creek this afternoon and in the Bay Region and that heart is sad. For truly it might be said as it was said of another great one—'And when he went down, he went down as when a mighty cedar, green with boughs, goes down with mighty shout upon the hills and leaves a lonesome space beneath the skies.'

If the spirit is willing today, I should like to follow along where the brethern have taken us. And what they have said (I am sure you have recognized it) hasn't been merely voice-dear, it has been heart to heart. And I'm sure you have felt the sincerity and the deep in-dwelling of a great Spirit that has prompted and moved and indited what has been said to those of us who have listened.

Outstanding Virtue

As I contemplated this difficult

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PRES. EMERY R. RANKER
late president of Walnut Creek Stake

Funeral services for Pres. Emery R. Ranker of Walnut Creek Stake, were held at 2 p.m., Thursday Feb. 8, 1957 in the Walnut Creek Chapel. The services were presided over by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of Twelve and conducted by Bishop Mark R. Bickley.

The sky was overcast and grey and rain was falling as the sad and, silent throng of saints and friends gathered quitely at the chapel from one until two p.m. to cast a last look upon the face of the beloved leader and physician who had died very suddenly Feb. 4.

Among the large number who filled the expanded chapel to capacity were Elder Harold B. Lee, representing the General Authorities of the church, Pres. Leonard Love, former president Thomas W. Gardner, and Counselor W. Glenn Harmon of the Northern California Mission, and the following presidents of stakes: Milton P. Ream, Hayward Stake; John Murdock, Napa; O. Leslie Stone, Oakland-Berkeley; David Haight, Palo Alto; Vernard L. Beckstrand, San Jose; and Serge J. Lauper, San Francisco,

Appropriate Music

Preliminary music was played by Elder Nico D. Snel of the stake music committee upon the chapel organ. Vocal numbers were furnished by Elaine Smith soloist who sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," accompanied by Shirley Moore, the Singing Mothers of Walnut Creek Ward directed by Francel Larson, singing "The Twenty-Third Psalm", and a male quartet composed of W. Paul Summerhays, Roy Clovis, John H. Harmon, and George G. Olson which sang, "O My Father", accompanied by Helen Clovis.

Floral pieces of great beauty filled the forepart of the chapel as beautiful silent tributes to the wide-spread esteem in which the deceased leader and friend was held far and wide.

Wayne E. Mayhew, former associate counselor with Pres. Ranker in the Berkeley Stake presidency offered the opening prayer, Pres. Delbert H. Rock, the closing prayer and Bishop Robert G. Larson, the graveside praye.r The biographical obituary was read by Bishop Mark R. Bickley.

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Tributes to Pres. Ranker were delivered by Owen J. Cook and Norman B. Creer, counselors to Pres. Ranker in the Walnut Creek presidency, and W. Glenn Harmon,

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Three March Stake Conferences In March 1957

Palo Alto Stake
March 2-3

San Francisco Stake
March 16-17

Walnut Creek Stake
March 16-17

See details under respective stake news.

Where to Look

Page 1. The entire memorial sermon by Elder Harold B. Lee at the funeral of Pres. Ranker will be printed in this and the April Messenger.

Page 1. The biggest MIA event ever to come to Northern Calif. due March 9: 22 General Board members will conduct first-of-its-kind Divisional Institute.

The orchard setting of the ranch-type home of Pres. and Mrs. Emary R. Ranker, shown in its orchard setting, Happy Valley, Lafayette, California, where hospitality reined supreme.

Progress Report On Hayward Stake's Welfare Farm To Date

The present Hayward Stake farm was purchased in 1954. At that time there were some grain crops already in progress on the farm. These were harvested and sold by the Church.

In 1955 several improvements were made: 1) The installation of a sprinkler irrigation system: 2000 feet of lateral sprinkler pipe. 2) The building of a feeding barn which holds about 25 tons of hay. 3) The construction of a combination tool shed and garage. 4) The fencing of 40 acres of irrigated pasture.

The 1955 cropping plan consisted of the following: 25 acres of sugar beets, 25 acres of barley, 35 acres of wheat, 10 acres of alfalfa, 40 acres of permanent pasture and 30 head of feeder cattle. In spite of a valiant assist on the part of many church members, the sugar beet crop yielded only half the normal yield, 10 tons per acre. The barley yielded fairly well, one ton per acre. The ten acres of wheat were harvestable and yielded about one ton per acre. The ten acres of alfalfa yielded 60 tons of hay of which 30 tons were kept for winter cattle feed The feeder cattle did well but most of them were carried through the winter and were pastured in the 1956 program.

Rains Hampered

Work in 1956 was hampered by heavy rains and flooding. Approximately half the farm was under water for several months. As a result the crops were planted at a very late date. The alfalfa acreage was increased by 15 acres Sugar beets were not planted because of our inability to prepare the soil at an early date. The balance of the ground was put into wheat and barley. Approximately 30,000 pounds of live beef were marketed during 1956. The 1956 program, in spite of the slow start, proved better than the 1955 cropping plan.

1957 looks to be a good farm year and it will be if we get the full cooperation of the Hayward Stake membership in performing the necessary farm projects.

Hayward Stake

4th Elder's Quorum Profile Of The Month

Roland G. Reading was married to Gwen Merrill in May 1942. Their meeting came about through mutual friends while Gwen was singing in a trio with her sisters. Their union has been blessed by four children, Carolyn, Kenneth, Craig and Richard.

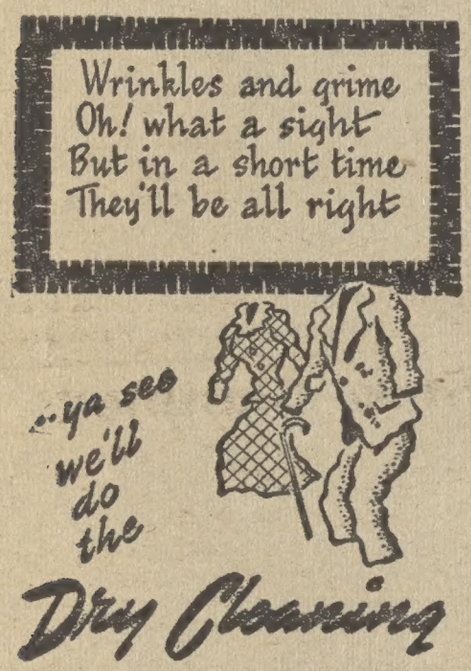
Elder Roland is a sales representative for General Fireproofing and is presently developing a hobby in cabinet making by attending classes at night school. He was a pilot in the U.S. Airforce and served his country for five years.

Serving as counselor to President Fontano, Roland's responsibility is to care for the social activities of the Quorum.

Hayward Stake

Rumors and Rumors

Elder Daryle Webb of the 4th Elders Quorum is expected home from Germany sometime this month. It is rumored that he'll be accompanied by a brand new German bride. Welcome home Bro. and Sis. Webb.



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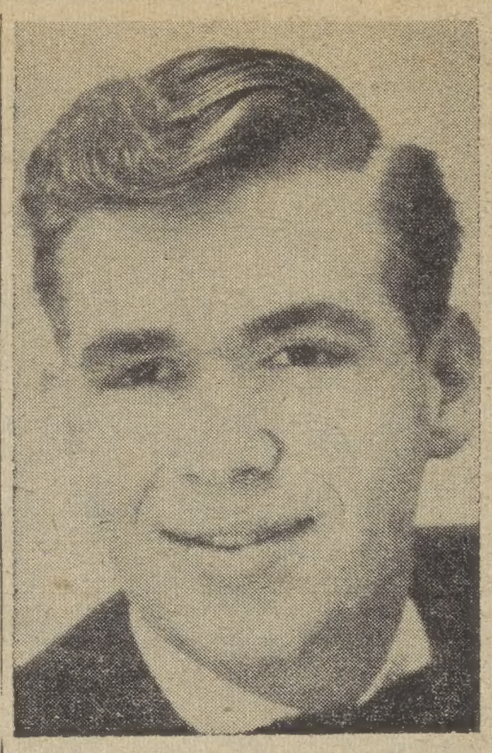

Hayward Stake

Shipboard Meet, Hyde Park Talk By Elder Brown

By Elder Brown

"Highlight of our voyage was the testimony meeting which the seven missionaries held aboard the Queen Mary. We partook of the sacrament and all seven bore testimonies. It was the most inspirational experience of my life." So writes Elder Heber C. Brown to the Fourth Quorum of elders in Castro Valley care of Theodore Fontano, president.

Other highlights mentioned by Elder Brown is his letter are: left Castro Valley January 6 for the mission home in Salt Lake, after a farewell party attended by over 300 including nineteen bishops.

One hundred and seventy-two missionaries participated in an inspirational week of study and training in the Mission Home, climaxed by a testimonial meeting.

After earning his missionary "spurs" by preaching at a street meeting in Hyde Park, London, Brother Brown was assigned to the Liverpool district of the British Missions where Brother and Sister Robert Williams, former residents of the Oakland stake, preside.

Elder Heber is the first full-time missionary from Castro Valley ward and the Hayward stake.

Hayward Ward

Hi-Fi Speaker System Installed

The Hayward Ward has installed a new hi-fi speaking system in the chapel, with special ear phones for the hard of hearing. It has equipment for tape recording, speakers in the recreation hall, and special microphones for the priests administering the sacrament.

The MIA Carnival was held February 12 in the recreation hall. There were many booths. The carnival was a big success reported Dene Murphy, Young Women's Mutual president.

Under Evelyn Hutching's direction the Penny Parade is in full swing, collecting pennies for the Primary Children's hospital in Salt Lake City.

Never a dull moment in the Hayward Fireside. The group is planing a snow trip with the help of Barbara LaPray, and Chandler Shumate.

The Sacrament meeting attendance has gone up slightly over last year, but there is still room for improvement and only each and every person in the ward can help raise it higher.

Prayer and Honoring Father, Mother Vividly Enjoined on Youth By Pres. Ream and Bishop Isaacson

By Gertrdue Lesser

(Part of the beautiful report of the Hayward conference by stake Messenger reporter, Gertrude Lesser, was mysteriously lost in the printer's mail. Therefore the first four paragraphs of this report were composed by the Editor who also was privileged to attend the conference; then follows the concluding reports by Sister Lesser)

Meeting in the new and spacious Centerville chapel the second quarterly conference of the Hayward Stake enjoyed most inpiring music and aldresses by Bishop Thorpe B. Isaacson of the Presiding Bishopric, the stake presidency and other speakers.

The theme of the heavily attended conference was prayer and honoring parents. The young people of the Aaronic priesthood ages were given preferred front seats and were favored with talks by the brethren that were very interesting and stirring, pointing out in vived manner their duties and privileges and the joy that follows a good life.

An especially thrilling feature of the conference were the many talks by earnest teen age girls and boys, and extemparaneous remarks by youth leaders called from the audience.

ELDER THORPE B. ISAACSON THE PRESIDENCY BISHOPRIC . . . **stressed Lesser Prieshood work at the Hayward Stake Conference, February 9th and 10th**

Bishop Isaacson told impressive stories of his faithful old grandfather who life so deeply affected his grandson, and also touching stories of his own son's being stricken with polio, and who, tho given up by the doctors, was eventually completely healed and now is a successful young business executive in Salt Lake City.

Youth and Youth Leaders Testify To Gospel Blessings

By Gertrude Lesser

Sister Verna Jackson our YLMIA president said, we want the young people to have fun together, form friendships, attend church and gain testimonies of the truthfulness of the gospel.

Pres. Gifford Jackson, in a few words told of the happy experiences they have had in their family through having his mother-in-law

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Speakers Called From Audience Declare The Truth

By Gertrude Lesser

The afternoon session was a testimony meeting held under the direction of Bishop Isaacson with Pres. Ream conducting. One could not help but be impressed by the beautiful testimonies of those called extemporaneously from the audience as follows.

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San Lorenzo

20 Boys, 16 Adults See Missle Base

by L. Wimmer

Boys of Cub Scout Pack 25 of San Lorenzo, Earl Hill leader, were greatly impressed with a tour of the Guided Missile plant in the Castro Valley Hills, Saturday, February 9th. After the tour light refreshments were served at the Officers Mess Hall, courtesy of the U. S. Army Base, for 20 boys and 16 adults.

The following young people were graduated from Primary to the Scouts and Bee Hives class in MIA: Jorga Judd, Don Smith, Ford McBride, Larry Allen, Sherman Smith, Fred Spindler, Jimmy Bartlett.

The Boy Scouts won an "A" rating for their window display in the Bockman Hardware window. Their theme was "Great Men Pray". Able directors were Scoutmaster Dick Shumway and Senior Patrol Leader Randy Vause. We are proud of our Scouts.

The Scouts also put on an outstanding program for the MIA under the direction of Drama director Mable Romic, after which they presented the Scoutmaster Dick Shumway with an electric blanket. This week they are having an overnight camp at Redwood Regional Park.

Helen Olsen and Vicki Bartlett of the BYU spent the holidays with their parents.

The Relief Society sponsored a successful shower for the new chapel Thursday, February 14th. A delicious luncheon was served to the ladies.

Katherine Smead, wife of Bishop Smead, spent 10 days in the hospital. She is much improved in

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HAYWARD STAKE MESSENGER REPORTERS meeting between Sunday sessions of the Hayward Stake Conference at Centerville Feb. 10, 1957. The group met with I. B. Ball and Ray Rackley, editor and associate editor of the Messenger to discuss the problem of stake and ward reporting.

Shown above left to right: Bishop Andrew G. Hunt, representing Hazel Natalie, Centerville; Allice Bauer representing Lorna Beach, San Leandro; Shirley Troub, Hayward II, Joane White, Oakland II; Della McLaughlin, livermore; Gertrude Lesser, Hayward Stake reporter; I. B. Ball, Ray Rackley, L. Wimmer, San Lorenzo; Judy Ahlin, Hayward I; and Nellemae Tanner, Castro Valley.

Speakers Called

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Elder Ted Mudge expressed appreciation for the opportunity he was having in serving as stake clerk.

Sister Myrtle Jibson said, the Church of Jesus Christ is an everyday religion and works in all weather.

Bishop Herbert Newton from the Hawaiian Islands acknowledge the hand of the Lord in all things although we may not always understand: "Do not worry over the past but go on and be faithful to the end."

Raene Darton expressed her thankfulness and love for her parents saying, "Even though sometimes I may not do right I know that I have been taught right."

Shirley Rounds said, "Before this huge audience with much trembling I want all to know how thankful I am for Bishop Isaacson's talk as it has made me think and appreciate my family more.

Janice Holby emphasized a direct answer to prayers they had recently had in their family.

John Duke told of the recent experience their family had when they went to the Los Angeles Temple and were sealed for time and enternity.

Jerry Bauer said, "Since I have been studying the scriptures myself, I feel all the more grateful for the teachings of my parents for now I can say I know the gospel is true."

Sister Mabel Drushal gave personal experiences as to how a Relief Society president's testimony of the gospel has been enriched.

Sister Helen Ream, wife of our Stake President, expressed appreciation for all that had been said and stressed how "We not only must honor our parents but we as parents must also honor our children. They are not chattel but precious souls. Parents feel their weakness but we must 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Apologies To Several Reporters

On account of a mysterious loss of a shief of Messenger copy in the printer's mail, several important stake and ward reports are missing in this issue.

We invite the inclusion of this material by reporters in this April stories.

Hayward Stake

Ward Teaching On The Upswing

By Gil Gordin

Encouraging success has been achieved in the Hayward Stake after adopting a determined policy of raising the ward teaching percentage. Congratulations are in order.

Five of the seven wards surpassed the 80 percent mark. San Leandro Ward led the group with 88 percent and was followed closely by Hayward and Centerville Wards who both had 85 percent. Castro Valley Ward was right behind with 84 percent and Oakland II had 81 percent.

Special recognition should be given Bishop Marcel Lauper and coordinator Elton Flaner of San Leandro ward and the supervisor in the bishop's division, Harold Hansen. This division achieved 92 percent. But, even then, they just barely nosed out Second counsellor supervisor Burt Boetes, (again of La Rue Duffin and his division San Leandro Ward) who had 91 percent.

"Funeral Services Pay Homage"

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former president of Berkeley Stake, with whom Pres. Ranker served as counselor for nearly ten years. The funeral sermon was delivered by Elder Harold B. Lee.

Each speaker paid high tribute to the unselfish, efficient, arduous and loving services which Elder Ranker had rendered and spoke words of comfort and consolation to Sister Irene Ranker and the family.

Interment was in Memory Gardens, Concord. Mortuary service was rendered by Robinson Bros. Funeral Directors of Oakland, Mr. M. Dee Smith being in charge.

The air of perfect peace and quiet that pervaded the Walnut Creek chapel and grounds during the funeral exercises was widely noted and mentioned.

Few eyes remained dry during the time of the viewing of the body as it lay in state, and of the singing and speaking. Every one seemed to feel and many expressed the feeling of sanctity and heavenly peace in keeping with the manifest righteousness of the deceased's life in Christ.

One person spoke perhaps for all when she said at the close of the services, "I feel that I have been in heaven at this funeral."

Oakland Second

Non-Member Sets 800-Penny Record

By Joanne White

Linda Green, a non-member, climaxed the Penny Drive with over 800 pennies. She had dilligently saved her pennies since the 1956 drive and was very proud of her achievement. She was thrilled to be able to help the sick children in this way. Well done, Linda.

The smell of bacon and eggs and hot cakes in the Church on Sunday morning has become rather familiar. The Elder's quorum have had three such breakfasts since the first of the year. It is helping bring the brothers into closer friendships.

Snow galore, fun, laughs, food, and good companions all combined to make a super day for the young peoples' fireside from our ward and Castro Valley Ward. The group journeyed by bus on February 23 to Calavaras Big Trees.

Did we meet our share of the Stake quota for the temple in February? Sad but true—we did not. Because there were only 21 people desiring to go from both the Oakland-Berkeley and Hayward Stakes the excursion had to be canceled. Hardly a record to be proud of. If we don't become more temple-minded we'll wait a long, long time for the Oakland Temple.

Bishop's Message

The welfare plan of the Church is based on the premise that we give what we can when we are able and receive what is necessary in our time of need. We can give of our time, or money, or both.

We are still in the process of paying for and equipping our welfare farm. In order to raise funds to apply toward our share of the farm expense we are serving a ward dinner on Saturday, March 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Oakland Second Ward chapel. You and your friends are invited to attend. The suggested donation for this turkey dinner with all the trimmings, is $2.00 per person or $7.00 per family. Here is an opportunity to enjoy a social get-together and an evening of feasting and entertainment which will surely please.

P.S. Are you working to prepare for emergency by accumulating a year's supply of food?

New! A Magic Formula

by E. V. Schier

A new magic formula has been spelling opportunity, optimism, and plans for success lately in family research workshop classes of Sunset Ward held at the S. F. Stake House, Tuesday evenings at 7:30.

Ervin McDonald, chairman, is offering a well-organized curriculum for this "Personal Survey Course" The theme, "Knowledge must precede Action, and must result in Action"—means according to Mrs. G. E. Schier, instructor, that all members will be acquainted with the possibilities of finding definite genealogical data with methods to be used to save time and funds. In other words what to know, the correct letter-approaches, and the velvet technique for acquiring family data for your precious Book of Remembrance.

Better understanding of our public record sources and their specific functions will no doubt result in obtaining explicit data for our purposes in research at minimum expense. This will enable class-members to take advantaged of the Utah Genealogical Society

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Scout Troop Wins Top Stake Trophy

We are very proud of our Boy Scout Troup. They won for the third consecutive time, the Honored Troop Award. The award was presented at the Stake Court of Honor, in the San Leandro Ward. The boys now keep the trophy permanently for having won it three times in succession.

Visitors Here

Brother and Sister John E. Taylor of Montpelier, Idaho are visiting at the home of their daughter, Bertha Berger. Brother and Sister Webb of Gooding, Idaho, formerly of Hayward, are visiting at the home of their daughter, Naomi Randall. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richmond and daughter Kay, of Salt Lake City, were recent visitors at the home of the LeRoy Bauers'. They were enroute to Los Angeles to meet their son, Lloyd, who was returning from a mission in South-America. Mrs. Richmond is Alice Bauer's sister.

Hayward Stake

The Thomas Philips Of San Leandro In Tribune Story

The Oakland Tirbune of Feb. 3, 1957 carried a large picture of Elder and Mrs. Thomas Phillips of San Leandro who celebrated their 55 wedding anniversary on that day.

Told is their marriage in the Salt Lake Temple, and their family of six living children and 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren who gathered to honor the 77-year old retired construction foreman for the Southern Pacific R.R., and his wife.

Boys, Girls See Base

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health.

Ruth Earl and Cleoma Ostler have also been in the hospital and are recovering.

Mrs. McDowall, mother of Milan McDowall, was seriously injured in an automoblie accident.

Alton Peterson drove to Richfield, Utah, to attend the funeral of his brother.

Elaine Romer and son Scott made a recent visit to Salt Lake City.

Lee Basinger was home for a few days from the Steed Air Force Base in Reno.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Crane will move to their new home in Piedmont in the near future.

Floyd Knight and family have moved to their new home in Irvington.

Jean Steed and Judy Dewsnip were confirmed members of the Church Sunday, February 3rd. Babies blessed were Gregory Evan Bertola and Roslyn Jean Roberts.

Pete Easton is a new Sunday school teacher; May Rainy was made Jr. Sunday school secretary and librarian. New primary teachers are Lavon Peterson and Petricia Reed. Burma Cox is the new activity counsellor in the MIA.

A delightful valentine party and dance was held for the young people of the ward.

Our new chapel is fast nearing completion; we are looking forward with pleasure to meeting there to worship our Father in Heaven.

The Relief Society birthday luncheon will be held March 14th. All ladies in the ward are invited.

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A Bouquet Of Tributes Of Love and Admiration For Emery R. Ranker, Late President Walnut Creek Stake

By A Patient,
Annamae Barrus,
Pittsburg Ward

A feeling of warmth and friendliness permeated the homey waiting-room of Dr. Ranker. It was not unusual, in this warm setting, to hear many of his patients expressing their love for the doctor who so unselfishly studied each case and rendered to each his very best service.

He frequently distributed medicine to needy patients with the remark, "These are only samples; they didn't cost me anything." Patients knew that to be true, however, of only a small portion of the medicines given out. The doctor did not want his right hand to know what his left hand was doing.

It was not unusual for a patient to bring the doctor choice flowers from her garden. These tokens always caused the doctor's face to light up and he received them with the greatest sense of appreciation, saying, "Oh, are these for me?"

Once a patient who had suffered for nearly forty years came to him for help. After examining her he said, "I can find nothing wrong with you." He then sat quietly at his desk, his head bowed praying. Lifting his head he asked the patient if she had ever had certain organs X-rayed. She replied, "No." He then said, "As a doctor I can find nothing wrong with you but the priesthood tells me something different. I may owe you an apology."

The X-rays were taken, the trouble was located and an operation corrected the condition.

The words of the Savior, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend," were exemplified the last day of Dr. Ranker's life. I was one of the last patients he served that fatal day. Knowing his condition he went on serving to the very end.

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

By The Mutuals
By Mar Jean Williams,
YWMIA Stake President

When President Ranker's hands, with the others brethren, were placed on our head in blessing, this charge he gave us: the responsibility of the auxiliaries is to provide a spiritual field into which to invite everybody to unite—members of our stake, and all living in our boundaries not yet of our faith.

He chose for leaders spiritual people, whether the heads of stake organizations or board members. For those of us who yet strive for firmer testimony and the blessing of the Spirit to guide and direct us, we feel he led the way, showing the power, peace, vitality and joy through living the commandments of our Father.

We knew Pres. Ranker approached his Saviour as a brother and prayed to the Father with a fervency and intimacy that made our needs known, Hence we had a desire to follow him because we knew the Spirit of God with him in all that he did.

When the stake board workers and their families entred his home on New Year's day, the warmth of this dear man, as he shook hands with us and our children and welcomed us, will not soon be forgotten..

He took great delight in wholesome humor, as, for instance, chuckling about using the cry room for high council meetings. This quality made him seen closer and very approachable.

We ever beheld him prove the words that have been written that one doesn't find happiness by seeking it; it is the by-product of a life that is fully adjusted and in a right relation to God.

We felt appreciated and loved by this man as we attempted to magnify our calling. His passing has left us feeling in one accord that we have never felt so dedicated to the performance of our callings!

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

By W. Glenn Harmon

President Emery R. Raker was a man of constantly surprising versatility and boundless energy.

He was proficient to the point of genuine expertness in nearly every field of his interest.

Yet with all his talent and energy, he was a humble, a spiritual man, who was keenly aware of mortal man's limitations, and was constantly striving to better himself and others.

To me the outstanding characteristic of this great soul with whom I was in daily contact for more than ten years was this combination in one individual-all too rare-of great native ability and even greater spirituallity.

Walnut Creek Stake

The Obituary Of Pres. Emery Ranker

Pres. Emery R. Ranker, died Monday afternoon, February 4 in his office, 439 Thirtieth St., Oakland.

He had been a research physiologist and practcing surgeon in Oakland since 1933. Early foreseeing the changes which the automobile would bring about in modern living and the advantages of central medical facilities and planning, Dr. Ranker pioneered development of adequate parking to serve doctors and patients of Oakland's three downtown hospitals. Plans for development of this area will be carried out according to his wishes.

Dr. Ranker was born July 18, 1896, at Greenville, Calif. He received his early schooling in Berkele and Glen Ellen (Sonoma County), earned the BS and master's degrees from the Utah State Agricultural College in Logan, Utah; the PhD at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and an MD from Northwestern University Medical School. He holds an honorary membership in the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science.

Legion Member

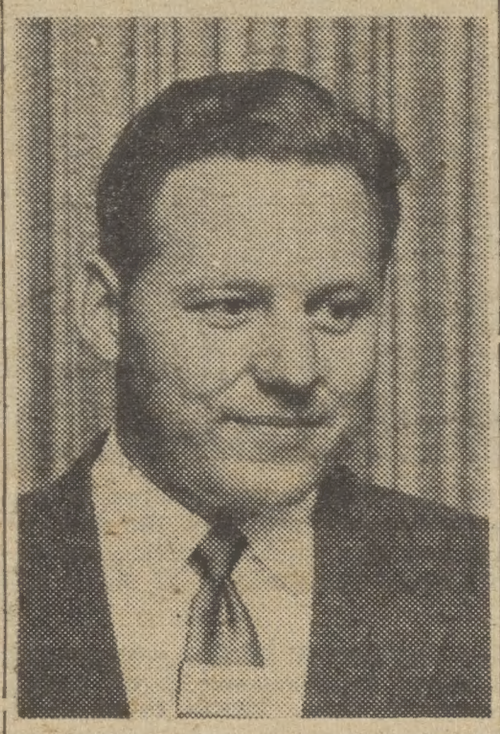
He was a member of the American Legion, the Alameda County Medical Asn. and the American Medical Assn. Before his appointment last year as president of the newly-orgaized Walnut Creek Stake of the LDS Church he had served as a member of the Berkeley Stake Presidency and the Oakland Stake High Council.

The Ranker home in Lafayette for years has been used as a meeting place for many LDS Church groups.

Survivors include his wife, Irene T. Ranker; one son, Dr. Emery Ranker of San Francisco; two daughters, Mrs. Jean Gardner of Detroit, Mich., anl Miss Elaine Ranker, who is taking her internship in dietics at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Also surviving are three grandchldren, Nancy, Donna and John Gardner, and the following brother and sisters: Floyd C. Ranker of Yreka, Mrs. Bernice Geary of Long Beach, Mrs. Mildred Shepard of Glen Ellen and Mrs. Hlda Dudley of San Francisco.

By Bishop Mark R. Bickley Walnut Creek War



Bishop Mark R. Bickley of Walnut Creek Ward, conducted the funeral services of President Ranker.

Emery R. Ranker, Ph.D., M.D., church leader, horticulturist—this was the man the world knew. But to those of us who were privileged ely, he meant much more.

I think of the many times when he labored side by side with the members of the Church in performing the common menial tasks connected with the construction of the Walnut Creek chapel, and of the times on the stake farm when he could be found doing the most surprising things.

There was a neglected medical practice where a fortune could have been made easily had he chosen to do so, but his calling in the Church came first in his life. There were also many patients who were never required to make payment for his services.

There were the times when he stood before us to instruct us, and did so as if the Lord were standing beside him, directing his every thought.

There were the times I was privileged to join with him in ordinance work, or in setting apart those called to positions in the Church, when marvelous blessings were poured out upon the heads of the worthy. There were also times when the sick were healed and the distressed were comforted.

There was the counsel and advice he was able to give each of us according to our needs, born of the power of discernment within him.

These are a few thought reflections of our beloved stake president, recently departed from this life. His memory will live on for many years to come in the Walnut Creek Stake.

By Kenneth Jensen

In our life time, we have the opportunity to associate with many servants of the Lord, fully dedicated to serving their fellow men. Emery Ranker was surely such a man. A man with a strong testimony of man's responsibility to God, and a desire to shoulder the responsibility of living and preaching the gospel to those he came in contact with.

President Ranker was a most tireless worker in the building up of Berkeley and Walnut Creek Stakes. His wisdom and energy made him a friend of everyone. To know him was surely to love and respect him.

On many occasions, he placed the personal welfare of his fellow man before his own welfare, with a deep religious conviction that we are all as one in the sight of God.

This inspired people to reach down and grasp their boot straps and pull themselves back into church activity with a purpose in life and a responsibility to their Heavenly Father.

Standing side by side with President Ranker has been his wife, Irene, and their children. They have assisted in making a man great in the eyes of the Lord, and will share in the blessings.

We have lost a champion of truth. God has seen fit to call his son home to greater glories and bigger assignments. We all have profitted by his life with us. He has etched good qualities in stone, so that everyone can continue to share in his fruitful life.

Walnut Creek Social Calendar

MARCH 1957

1	Friday	Rose Prom—Explorers & Mia Maids, Martinez 8:00 p.m.
2	Saturday	Teen-agers dance—Concord Host, Concord 8:00 p.m.
9	Saturday	Teen-agers dance—Concord Host, Concord 8:00 p.m.
19	Tuesday	"Dear To My Heart" Ball for Mia Maids and Explorers at Concord 7:30 p.m.
23	Saturday	Rodeo Ward 3-Act play All Stake Invited No charge—Veteran's Hall Rodeo
24	Sunday	M. Men—Gleaner Fireside
28	Thursday	Fun Night for M-Men Gleaners—Walnut Creek Host
30	Saturday	Dinner-dance M-Men & Gleaners S. F. Stake Host

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Tributes To Irene Ranker Honorary Golden Gleaner of MIA

By Alma Deane Feeler

During its approximately 10 years of existance, Berkeley Stake had the privilege in 1954 of presenting its first and only Golden Gleaner Award to Sister Irene Ranker, in appreciation of her life of joyous, loving service.

The lovely Ranker home on Happy Valley Road—the home of the Squire and his Lady—has always been open to the membership of the Church in this area. Mother's and Daughters' nights for Beehive Girls, Fathers' and Daughters' nights for Mia Maids, Junior Gleaner-Junior M-Men parties, Bride Nights—so many affairs were blessed by the spirit and comfort of this beautiful home.

Testimonial meetings, planning meetings, and meetings of all kinds—these have been held continuously there through the years; going forward with grace and sweetness because of the crackling fires in the winter and the fragrant flowers in the summer, and always the delicious refreshments provided by Sister Ranker.

Sister Ranker has given especially choice leadership to the Relief Society and the M.I.A.

The Relief Society program is a valuable combination of spiritual and practical service; she has guided it successfully. The YWMIA with its serious charge of helping our young people gain testimonies is vital and time-consuming; she has inspired the leaders under her direction to give wholly of themselves.

In addition to her individual service, her support of President Ranker has increased our spiritual security. Those who love Sister Ranker often comment on her special ability to give with open hands and an open heart. She leaves one feeling blessed without a heavy burden of obligation.

She is indeed an Honorary Golden Gleaner—honorable in spirit, golden with affection and sincerity; a true daughter of God as was Ruth the Gleaner.

By Nola and Clyde Sullivan

For three and one half years we have lived next-door neighbors to Brother anr Sister Ranker, in this Happy Valley. We knew them before, admired them as stake leaders, felt thrilled when our new Walnut Creek stake received President Ranker at its helm. We have felt confident and relaxed when family or friends were cared for medically by Dr. Ranker. We have been inspired to do better by his sermons, his counsel and his example. But most of all, we are grateful to have been neighbors.

Two boys, Noel and Mike, will miss following him around in his orchard as he worked.

We were touched, as he was, when we read the note our boys left at his doorstep. Having taken some of Brother Rankers seed corn as a surprise, they put the bucket at his door, with a slip of paper saying. "To the nicest man in the world—love from your secret buddies." Next day they found a note saying "Take this half of the corn and have fun feeding the animals on the stake farm. Love from your secret pal."

Now a few things that create those warm and happy memories: The big chunk of swiss cheese Brother Ranker brought over to our house one evening a few weeks ago; The 21 quarts of graps juice I bottled from the grape vine starts he gave us three years ago; The red apples we ate with him; the beautiful prayer he offered in our home on Christmas day this year; having him bless our little daughter, Kim, last Spring.

We knew a great man and we loved our neighbor.

By Mildred Fontano

We extend our sympathies and love to dear Sister Irene T. Ranker and her family in the loss of husband and father. We glory in the good life of Bro. Ranker and love Sister Irene for her faithfulness and good example in God's Church.

Our sympathies are also extended to Sister Dorothy Frear whose aunt was burned to death in February in the terrible fire at Council Bluffs, Iowa where-in thirteen aged people lost their lives in a rest home fire.

Robert Thurgood

Robert Thurgood of Walnut Creek Ward is awaiting a call to go on foreign mission for the Church. Bro. Thurgood is the son of Verdon O. Thurgood who with his wife Ada and family of nine children moved from their former home in Salt Lake City to Walnut Creek.

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Youth and Youth Leaders Testify

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live with them over many years and her guiding and controlling influence in the lives of her grandchildren."

Pres Franz Winkel declared that "The strength of the Church and the heart of our existence is in the theme enjoyed this day, a oneness of spirit and unity.

Michael Matheson, a 12 year old Deacon said, through the Boy Scout program boys acquire wisdom and learn that the Aaronic Priesthood is the key to service to God anl man."

Robert Botts, a teacher and recent concert told how ward teaching had strengthened his testimony.

Claude Brown spoke on the 'Importance and Purpose of the Sacrament' saying we are commended to attend sacrament meeting and partake of the sacrament.

Elder Ted Mudge expressed ap- belonged to the Church seven years told of the great blessings of peace and security which have come to his family through activating their membership.

Sister Patricia Christensen encouraged the youth to set their goals high. Build castles; build them high."

Tributes To The Memory Of President Ranker

By Thomas W. Gardner, For President Northern California Mission

When the sad news of the death of Doctor Ranker came from his office on 30th Street in Oakland, it was first made known to his family, and like other important happenings, the news soon reached out to wider circles. In every circle the hearts of many were saddened upon learning of the passing of one who had benefited their personal lives.

As the news spreads to all parts of this great land, the hearts of many will be heavy as they remember when they were on their missions in the Northern California Mission, that they received medical and surgical care from Doctor Ranker without charge.

It is impossible to estimate the time he spent taking care of the missionaries. Many minor and major operations were performed and almost without exception the missionaries were able to resume their mission activities.

When upon some occasions he would recognize that the young man or woman was homesick, discouraged, or emotionally upset, he would spend his valuable time, while other patients were waiting, and talk to him or her in such a way that he or she would leave his office feeling like a new individual He changed the course of many missionaries from failure to success.

In working with the missionaries, as well as with all of his patients he would seek the help of the Lord, and in case of an operation on a missionary he would always first make sure that he or she had been administered to. He never felt self sufficient ,and after calling on the Lord he just could not fail to give beneficial service.

The full time missionaries have truly lost a wonderful friend. All who knew and have been treated by Doctor Ranker will remember him for his loving personality, generosity, and strength of character.

New Magic Formula

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services in problem matters at a latter time.

Ward genealogy teachers include Sr. M. Lambert, H. Larsen, M. Roehl, G. Stracke and Florance Kind. Special night visits to San Francisco's Main Reference Library will be conducted. The workshop class has attracted beginners and advanced students from various wards, each one eager to glean help on their own lines.

Do we hear someone say, "How can the reader find all these books and reference works?" Well one has to hunt for them, but no doubt your ward workshop class will be your best guide. Selan.

One Near When Dr. Ranker Fell Pays Tribute

by Thomas S. Ferguson

When the heart attack struck Dr. Emory R. Ranker to the floor of his office Feb. 4, (my office is upstairs over the doctors office) my secretary heard the fall. Shortly thereafter one of Dr. Ranker's patients, whom he was then attending, ran upstairs and reported to me what had happened. On going to the doctor's office I found that he was already attended by his son, Dr. Emery Ranker, his nurse, and others who were doing all they could. I also observed that there were several patients in the office, including an elderly woman who was receiving care from the doctors at the moment he fell.

He was thus serving the need of others unselfishly, knowing that he was in a dangerous condition himself. He had planned to have himself admitted to the hospital earlier that day but had continued to take care of waiting patients instead of giving his own case priority. Thus, he died as he lived—serving other.

Recently I was surprised to see a Book of Mormon on a table in the home of a non-Mormon client of mine. I was there discussing her legal problems resulting from an automobile accident. She had been injured and was under the care of a physician.

I asked her how she happened to have a copy of the Book of Mormon. She replied: "My doctor, Dr. Emery Ranker, gave that to me and I am now investigating the church." This bears out Brother Harold B. Lee's statement in which he quoted Dr. Ranker as saying: "I often have difficulty deciding whether to prescribe a pill or an LDS tract."

Dr Ranker would not hesitate to recommend a study of the Gospel to patients with emotional or philosophical difficulties which made them ill.

About two days before his death a member of the adult Aaronic priesthood requested that Dr. Ranker and I administer to his sister who was crictically ill. She had undergone a brain surgery by a brain specialist and was not Dr. Ranker's patient. Without hesitation, he cleared the matter with the attending physician and we administered to the lady at the Peralta Hospital where Dr. Ranker was well known. Without reticence he explained to the nurse on duty, who knew him, what we were about to do.

He seemed proud to be at the bedside as a servant of the Lord rather than in his customary role as a physician.

That was typical of Dr. Emery R. Ranker.

By Dorothy D. D. Price
Dr. Ranker's office nurse

Dr. Ranker as I knew him was a great physician and surgeon under whose care hundreds placed themselves in preference to any other man on earth. And I wonder not, why so many should have such great faith and trust in him.

He was a physician whose interest and concern for patients reached beyond that of physicial ailments. His concern was also for their souls. He seemed to always know the proper treatment whether it was medication, surgery, or a prayer and call to repentance.

In his private front office he kept a box of books on hand, copies of "A Marvelous Work and A Wonder" and Books of Mormon. One by one countless numbers went into many hands along with his fervent testimony that the Gospel is true.

He always put it so simply. He would say after telling the story of Joseph Smith and the Book of

MRS. IRENE T. RANKER
Few if any Latter-day Saint women have woven their love into the hearts of so many Church members as has Sister Ranker, worthy life companion of Pres. Emery R. Ranker.

Mormon, "Either it's true or it isn't; and if it isn't you'll find it out, but if it is, it's the most important thing in your life."

He gave his time and professional service as a doctor without charge to hundreds of his fellowmen. Often when missionaries would express their appreciation and offer to pay he would tell them to go out and serve a good mission and that he would accept this as his pay.

His whole personality radiated the joy he felt. I shall never forget his most priceless chuckle. It seemed to start from the bottom of his toes and work up to a heart warming expression, which only his chuckle could do.

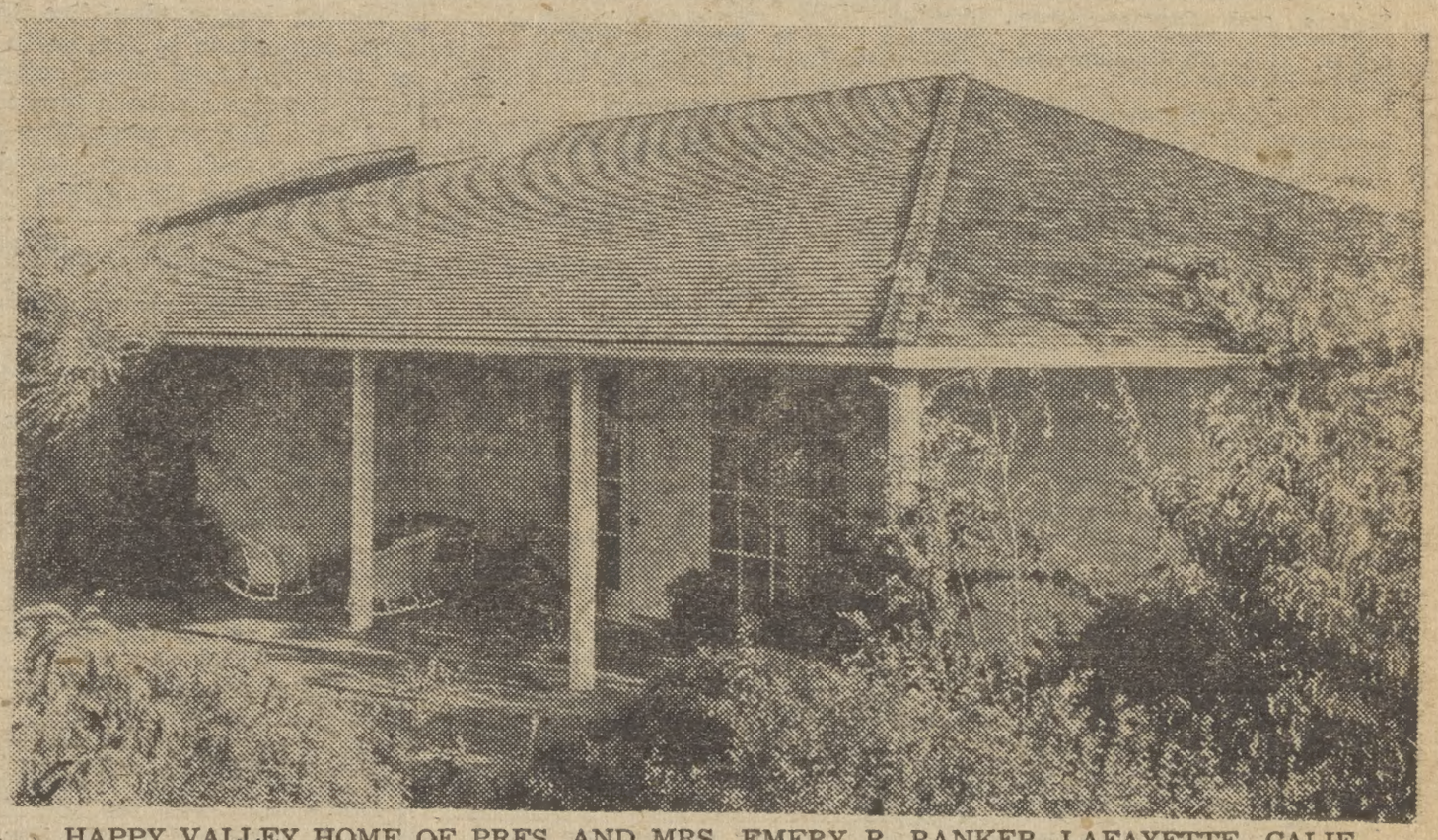

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Photo from Gay Taylor

Palo Alto Stake H. P. Theatre Night

PLACE: Stanford Little Theatre, Stanford Campus.

DATE: Monday, March 4, 1957. 8:15 p.m.

EVENT: Special performance of W. Somerset Maugham's Comedy: "THE CIRCLE," exclusively for quorum members and and their wives. Refreshments served between acts.

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Redwood City Ward

Touring Thespians Hold Cast Party

by Gay Talyor

The touring Thespians of Redwood City Ward, having completed a successful road engagement of "Horrors, Incorporated" (a performance at Berkeley Second Ward), celebrated with a cast party Saturday, February 9, on the Sam Taylor patio. There was tether ball, ping pong, plenty of hot dogs and ice cream, so no complaints were heard, though the cast brought along its own basketball, just to be sure.

Cast members were LeRoy Cluff, Peggy Collins, Allan Cassell, Sandy Thomas, Jerry Martin, Rubina Rivers, Jacqueline Murdock, Luzon Ross, Joan Elwood, Patty Wallwork, Joan Hutchins and John Parker.

Skits were presented by Lynn Enger, Judy Alsop, Marilyn Rollins, Winifred Varney, Ken Williams, Richard McDonald, Tod Weaver and Gay Talyor.

Ruth Packer was accompanist, Tod Weaver property man, Bob Mahany stage manager, Gerry Johnston business manager, Olive Parker costume mistress. The production was directed by Gay Taylor and Joe Budro, with Jackie Murdock assistant director.

Palo Alto Stake

Vollyball Team Voices Challenge To Other Stakes

by Fay Seal

Palo Alto Stake has served notice on the other stakes participating in the coming division 12 volleyball playoff on March 16th to ready their best team. Regular league play in Palo Alto Stake will start later than most stakes so the team representing our stake will be chosen through round robin competition prior to the playoffs. This way the stake hopes to send its top team to Merced for division playoff.

In the basketball department Palo Alto Stake wound up a fine season of junior competition by placing 4th in the division 12 playoff in Stockton ending February 16th. A team combined from the two Palo Alto wards and coached by Tom Lee represented the stake.

During league play five teams from the wards in the north end of the peninsula stake competed while the five southern teams carried on a like program. Two winners from each group played off for a chance at the division.

Redwood City

Ward Saddened By Three Recent Deaths

Three recent deaths saddened members of the Redwood City ward.

Elder Orrin Russell Weaver, a resident and active ward teacher of Redwood City for 16 years, passed away unexpectedly at his home February 14. Brother Weaver, who was 56, was an electrical foreman for the municipal railroad of San Francisco, for whom he had worked 15 years.

He is survived by his widow, Aileen; three sons, Ken, Stanley Todd and Russell Dale; and a daughter, Mrs. Diane Wilson of Colorado.

He was born in Bennington, Idaho, July 31, 1900, one of a family of nine children. In 1923 he went to Salt Lake City, where he met his wife. They were married in Paris, Idaho, on his birthday, July 31, 1927, and were sealed for time and eternity at the Salt Lake Temple September 11 1933. The Weavers moved to San Francisco in 1927, and to Redwood City four years later

Barbara Varney

Barbara Ann Varney, 15, passed away January 25 at University of California hospital in San Francisco, after an illness of two days. She is survived by her parents, Elder and Mrs. Raymond W. Varney, and a sister, Winifred.

Barbara was active in the Church, and was a Mia maid. Her father was formerly first counselor in the Redwood City Ward bishopric, and is employed by the Lindell Construction Company. Her mother, Vera, is part owner of the San Carlos Health Food store.

Mark Adair

Mark Timothy Adair, infant son of Elder Bert J. and Maxine Adair, passed away February 6 at the age of 19 months. Baby Mark is survived by a brother, Richard Bert, and a sister, Colleen. He was a grandson of Mrs. Josephine Strong of San Carlos.

Palo Alto Stake

2 Announcements On Travel For Temple Work

By Gay Taylor

Two recent announcements regarding temple excursions complimented each other. The 353rd Quorum of Seventy, Palo Alto Stake, has scheduled an excursion to the Los Angeles temple for the Quorum group and wives, stated secretary Edwin G. Brown. At the same time, a letter prepared by the Stake Genealogical Society urged all those visiting the temple to go by chartered bus.

"We drive, drive, drive all night, to have one glorious day in the Temple—then drive, drive, drive all night again, landing home weary and tense on Sunday. What a long long trip, what a hard way to do this work," stated the letter in part.

In a chartered bus, it stated, "We can doze, relax and sleep all night," while a professional driver, who has slept all day, takes the wheel. Fatigue has brought many a car to a non-scheduled halt. The counsel of the authorities is to use the bus, and the cost is as cheap as gasoline for the private car. "Let's go together!" the letter concluded.

Personal Vigenette Of Fred Croshaw

By Stanley Gibb in the High Priests "Quorumette"

Fred J. Croshaw of the Palo Alto high council was born in Oxford, Idaho June 9, 1912. Moved to Arimo, Idaho, where he lived with his brother and graduated from high school; then answered call to the Northern States Mission. On returning home, attended LDS Business College in Salt Lake City.

Married Eva Cole on August 23, 1935 in the Logan Temple. Completing his schooling, he took a position with the Federal Government and moved to Montana. Transferred to Los Angeles and later to San Diego, where he served the Church as Scout Master and Branch Pres. of the North Park Branch. Later he became a member of the San Diego Stake High Council.

In 1942 he transferred to Moffet Field, and is now with the U.S. Air Force at NACA. Since coming to the Bay Area Fred has served as Mountain View-Sunnyvale branch president, district pres. of Monterey Bay district mission, and is now a member of the P.A. Stake High Council and Los Altos Ward seminary teacher.

Has three teen-age children: Carol, at the BYU, and two boys, Eldred and Robert at home.

Palo Alto Stake

New Developments In Stake Mission Presidency, Classes

by Gay Talyor

In the Palo Alto Stake mission, an assistant to the mission presidency has been appointed, and a training class begun for seven missionaries recently set apart.

Alvin L. (Bud) Gentry, the new

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Palo Alto Stake

Calling Attention Of High Priests To Temple Pledge

By Stanley Gibb in Feb. "Quorumette"

HAVE YOU MADE your reservations for one of the monthly excursions to the Los Angeles Temple?

Our Quorum should do 10% of their quorum membership each month. ARE WE READY TO MAKE THIS A PLEDGE? Let's not procrastinate this very important activity.

Redwood City Ward

Busy Month For Cub Scouts Pack 127

by Gay Talyor

February was a busy month for the Cub Scouts of Pack 127 (Redwood City and San Carlos wards), reported Cubmaster Melton Johnson, with activities as follows:

For Boy Scout Week, the pack decorated a window of Brother Don Baker's drugstore in Redwood City, receiving a Participating ribbon for the Thunderbird district.

Two den mothers took their cubs to the Planetarium in San Francisco, Norma Johnson of Den 3, and Evaline Cassell of Den 7, and the cubs of Den 3 spent a Saturday morning at the roller rink.

Climaxing the month was the annual Blue and Gold potluck dinner of February 22 for a crowd of boys and their parents totaling 200.

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12-Month Genealogy Youth Training Proves Interesting

by Gay Taylor

Palo Alto Stake is actively fostering the twelve-month schooling of junior genealogy groups of the twelve to fourteen year old age groups, reported Stake Leader Margaret Gagle.

In this stake, Sister Gagle said, meetings are held oftener than ordinarily scheduled, to enable the full course to be given within the school year. This avoids the customary poor attendance during vacation months.

Results of the program are that some young people have become so interested they have been placed upon the genealogical committees. Junior members of the San Mateo First and Second Wards made an excursion to the Temple, but no more excursions are scheduled, right now because of the need of names.

Palo Alto Stake

3rd Quorum Elders Busy In Dance, Scout Sponsorship

by Gay Talyor

On the theory that you don't change a winning combination, the Third Quorum of Elders of Palo Alto Stake (Redwood City and San Carlos wards) again scheduled a February 23rd Saturday night dance to the music of Wally Green's orchestra, which proved so popular in the past.

The San Carlos group of the quorum has also taken on the project for this year of sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 327; members of the quorum act as the scout committee.

While this was undertaken on a trial basis two months ago, it already is proving its worth in stimulating the interest of boys in scouting and in attendance at Prieshood meeting, reported Group Leader Robert Gamblin.

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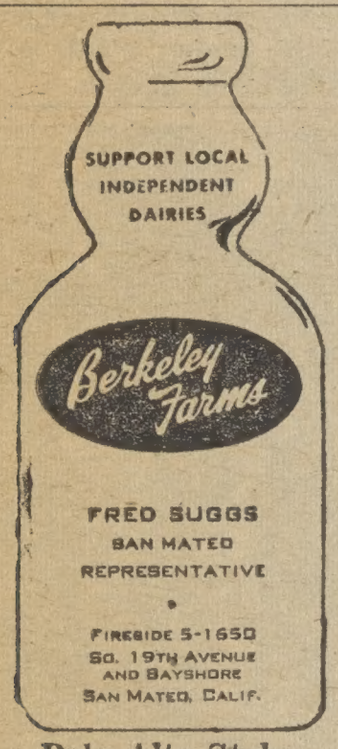

Palo Alto Stake

Redwood City Ward

Babies Cause Reorganization Of Relief Society

by Gay Talyor

Babies again caused a reorganization of the Redwood City Ward Relief Society. President Anna Beth Brown was released because of an impending blessed event, and Margaret Grubb sustained as the new president. Thelma Howard, who had served a term as president prior to Anna Beth Brown, returned as first counselor now that her own baby had arrived and was thriving. Vida Ross remained as second counselor, a position to which she had been set apart when the previous occupant of the office, Eloise Baker, was released for baby reasons.

The question on the lips of the ward members is this: Who said the Relief Society was for old ladies?

Palo Alto Stake

"Instructor Week" Comes March 10-17 For Church Teachers

by Gay Talyor

March 10-17 will be "Instructor week." at Palo Alto Stake, announced Sunday school Superintendent Ralph S. Olphin. During the week the officers and teachers of the Sunday school will conduct a subscription drive for the magazine.

The "Instructor" is to be the teaching magazine for the Church, Brother Olphin stated, containing both information and teaching methods. It is not only for the Sunday school but for teachers in all departments.

Of special interest will be the reproduction of paintings by Arthur Friberg, who worked with Cecil B. Demille on The Ten Commandments. One of these notable pictures will be reproduced each month for the next sixteen months.

Palo Alto Stake

24 People Go On February Temple Excursion

by Gay Talyor

Twenty-four people went to the Los Angeles Temple from Palo Alto Stake on the regularly sceduled monthly excursion February 8, reported Chairman Jesse Marshall of the Genealogical Committee.

"On the bus with me," said Brother Marshall, "was President David B. Haight and wife, of Palo Alto Stake, President Vernon L. Beckstrand and wife of San Jose Stake, and the entire bishopric of Menlo Park ward—Bishop Keith Garner, Leon Hovick, George Hughes, and Richard Grow, the ward clerk. I got my money's worth from the stimulation of associating with such companions on the trip."

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Redwood City Ward

Two LDS Scout Executives In Redwood City

By Gay Taylor

The fact that two District Scout Executives are members of the Redwood City Ward indicates the growing tendency of LDS men to choose Scouting as a career, stated Marvin Stratton, who, with Lynn M. Austin, serve on the San Mateo County Scout Council.

Mormons, Brother Stratton said, are raised in the tradition of doing service without thought of gain, and it is for this reason that the number of LDS Scout Executives is proportionally high. He himself accepted a sacrifice of $3,000 a year in income to enter scouting.

Brother Stratton is District Scout Executive for the Redwood City area — the Thunderbird District. Fifty units of Cub packs, Scout Troops and Explorers posts are usder his jurisdiction. Brother Austin, executive of the Live Oak District—Menlo Park, Atherton, East Palo Alto, La-Honda, Portola and Woodside—has 60 units under his supervision.

Lynn Austin was born in Paris, Idaho, and went into scouting through the influence of Professor Hyrum B Hunsaker upon graduation from the Utah State Agricultural College. An Elder, he has always been active in the Church, serving in the superintendency of the Ogden Sixth ward four years while attending college, and fulfilling a mission to the Northern States in 1947-49. He is now teaching a Sunday school class.

Marvin Stratton is from Orem, Utah, where he attended the Brigham Young University and served on the High Council of the Orem stake for seven years. He was call-

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Palo Alto Stake

Ora Pate Stewart "Dear To My Heart" Mia Maid Night Speaker March 19

by Fay Seal

Ora Pate Steward, author, poet, mother of a large family and well known speaker throughout the entire church, will speak at the Palo Alto Stake, "Dear To My Heart" night at 8 p.m., March 19th at the Redwood City chapel. An exceptionally fine program has been prepared for Mia Maids and their mothers.

Sister Steward has written many books among which are **A Letter To My Daughter, Branches Over The Wall** and a book of poems entitled **Gleanings.**

Her talks have been well received by groups over the entire nation.

Car pools are being formed by class leaders throughout the stake so no Mia Maid will forego this inspirational evening.

Junior Gleaners are urged to attend also.

Palo Alto Stake

High Priests Set High Records

The high priests of Palo Alto Stake have set some perfect and near-perfect records in regards to ward teaching and sacrament meeting attendance lately.

The December 1956 percentage records of ward teaching by the various ward groups reads as follows:

Redwood City and Los Altos 100 per cent each, San Carlos 98, San Mateo 95, Sunnyvale 89, Burlingame 80, and San Mateo 73.

The December record for sacrement meeting attendance was Redwood City 94, Los Altos 85, Sunnyvale 80, San Mateo, 74, Menlo Park 73, San Carlos 71, San Mateo 71, Palo Alto 64, and Burlingame 61. Two wards are not reported: San Bruno and Palo Alto II.

SWEET AND LOVELY DEBUTANTES OF THE PALO ALTO STAKE GOLD AND GREEN BALL

Palo Alto Stake

The Cops and Firemen Dozed On While 1400 At Green and Gold Ball Danced To Dick Crest's Orchestra

For the half dozens cops and firemen at Bay Meadows race track there was absolutely nothing to do the evening of January 25, but for some 1,400 Mormons it was the social event of the year, for this was the annual Gold and Green Ball of Palo Alto Stake. Bay Meadows clubhouse happens to be the only hall on the peninsula large enough to hold the crowd.

The cops became bored and sleepy. No fights, no brawls, no arguments. And since nobody smoked, there was no fire hazard to abate. The men in uniform were not there through choice or necessity, but because of regulation. The hall was furnished rent free by the mangement.

Otherwise, it was the customary gala Gold and Green ball of stakes everywhere. President and Mrs. David B. Haight presented gifts of the New Testament to the thirty-seven lovely debutants of the evening, and everybody except the cops and firemen danced to the music of Dick Crest's orchestra

Members of the Stake MIA Board assumed duties as follows: Mabel Reed, decorations; Ray McCallister, refreshments; George Holdaway, reception; Frances Cresta, presentation; Ross Miner, parking; Marjean Wrede, rehearsal; Fay and Boyd Seal, publicity; and Melvin Pickering of the High Council was master of ceremonies.

Palo Alto Stake

Rose Prom Promises To Be Best Ever

by Fay Seal

This year's Rose Prom promises to be a successful event in Palo Alto Stake on March 8th, at the Palo Alto Ward hall from 8 til 11:30.

This most important social event of the year for the Mia Maids and Explorers will feature an orchestra and tempting refreshments.

Mia Maids and Explorers are urged to attend in groups with their leaders. They may accompany partners from other age groups if they desire.

Plans for the dance are being laid by stake M.I.A. leaders, Mabel Reed and Don Bennion in cooperation with ward leaders throughout the stake. Eugene Gull and Nina Pierce will direct the dancing. The Palo Alto and Palo Alto II wards are in charge of decorations.

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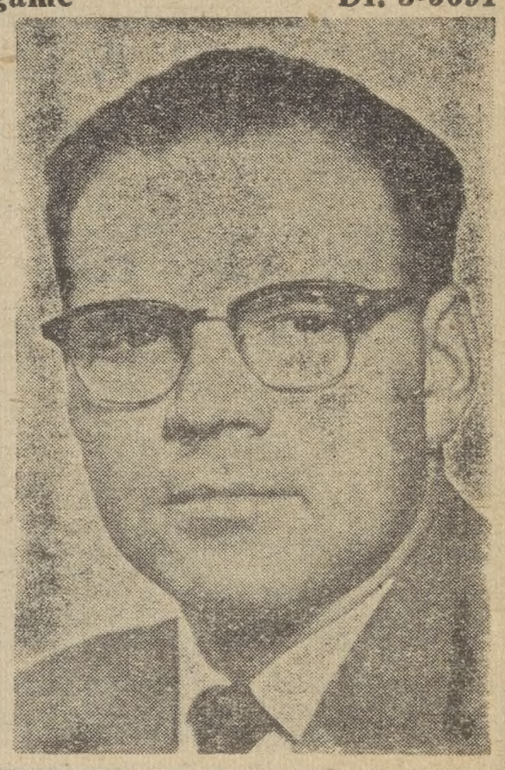

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Quarterly Stake Conference March 2, 3

by Stanley S. Gibb

Five meetings will be held during hte Stake Conference week-end, to which members should take note. Priesthood Leadership Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, should be attended by stake presidency and clerks, high council, stake senior Aaronic priesthood committee, Melchizedek priesthood quorum presidencies and secretaries, high priests quorum group leaders, senior Aaronic priesthood quorum presidencies, bishoprics branch presidencies, and ward and branch clerks.

At 8 p.m. a special invitational meeting is arranged for all members of Senior Aaronic and Elders Quorums. Letters of invitation will go out to those concerned, and an interesting and inspirational meeting is assured. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. These meetings are at Palo Alto chapel.

Sunday sessions of the conference will convene at the San Maeto Chapel at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Combined Ward choirs for the two sessions are arranged by La Veda Gibb, stake choir director. A Sunday evening meeting at 6:30 p.m. will be under the direction of the Stake M.I.A.

Balboa II

Attention All! Square Dancing Fridays For All

On the second and fourth Fridays each month, the ward is sponsoring square dancing for all in the amusement hall. Donations will be accepted for the building fund at the door. Lets see you there.

On the 25th of January a whooping good time was enjoyed by about 150 people at a potluck dinner and square dancing afterwards. $60.00 was donated toward the building fund. Bro. Joe Jensen of Berkeley was caller and has agreed to continue in this role at future dances.

Brother Charles Nauman takes his place as the third member of the bishopric. Congratulations; we all know you will find great joy in your added service.

There were many receptions and dinners this month in honor of two very active families who have recently moved. Tom and Sally

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Palo Alto Stake Meeting Calendar

MARCH		
2-2 Sat & Sun		STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
4 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Stake Auxiliary Leaders & Stake Presidency Meeting.
	8:00 p.m.	Stake Auxiliary Leaders & High Council Meeting.
7 Thu	8:00 p.m.	Stake Genealogy Leadership Meeting
	00:8 w.d	Stake MIA Executives Meeting
10 Sun	2:00 p.m.	Stake Sunday School Board Meeting
		Stake Mission Presidency & District Missionaries meeting
11 Mon	7:15 p.m.	Stake Ward Teaching Committee Meeting
	7:15 p.m.	Stake Publicity Committee Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Stake High Council Meeting
14 Thu	8:00 p.m.	Stake Primary Preparation Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Stake MIA Board Meeting
16 Sat	6:30 p.m.	High Priests and Seventies Quorum Meetings
	7:30 p.m.	Stake Priesthood Leadership Meeting—Quorum Presidency Type
18 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Bishop's Council Meeting
	8:30 p.m.	Bishoprics and Stake Presidency Meeting
21 Thu	8:00 p.m.	Stake Genealogical Board Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Stake MIA Leadership Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Stake Relief Society Board Meeting
24 Sun	2:30 p.m.	Stake Sunday School Preparation Meeting
25 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Stake Priesthood Committee Meeting
	8:30 p.m.	Stake High Council Meeting
28 Thu	1:30 p.m.	Stake Relief Society Union Meeting
30 Sat	5:00 p.m.	Baptismal Services—Redwood City Ward, South
	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Services—San Carlos Ward, North
31 Sun		April Fast Sundays moved ahead one week account of General Conference in Salt Lake City

Palo Alto Stake Activity Calendar

MARCH		
1	Friday	Junior Gleaner—Junior "M" Men Dinner Dance
3	Friday	Relief Society Sunday Evening Service in each Ward
12	Tuesday	Stake Music Festival (MIA)
16	Saturday	Division 12 Vollyball Playoff, Merced, California
19	Tuesday	Mia Maids and Mothers "Dear To My Heart"
29	Friday	Stake Choir Festival
31	Sunday	MIA Sunday evening Service in each Ward
		YEB (YOUTH EXECUTIVE BOARD) DANCES EACH SATURDAY NIGHT IN ALTERNATING WARDS IN THE STAKE

Palo Alto Stake

First Priesthood Meeting Great Success

By Stanley S. Gibb

Exceeding all expectations, the General Priesthood of the Palo Alto Stake in the first meeting under the new plan, with 415 Melchizedek and Aaronic members attending, thrilled with the inspiring message delivered by Elder and Doctor Milton Brinton on the subject "Tobacco and Cancer."

Illustrating his remarks with colored photographs of actual cases, Dr. Brinton's message registered with profound impact in the minds of all attending. Members of the Aaronic Priesthood, who made up more than one-fourth of the listeners, were heard to remark: "Boy, I wouldn't think of smoking after hearing that!" . . . "If I ever had an idea of smoking, I've changed my mind now!" . . . "I didn't think that smoking was so dangerous!" . . . . "Smoking? . . . never for me!"

Doctor Brinton was until recently surgeon at the Marine Hospital in S.F., but now has taken over the practice in the Oakland office of the late Dr. Emery R. Ranker. He still is president of the Chinese Branch, San Francisco Stake.

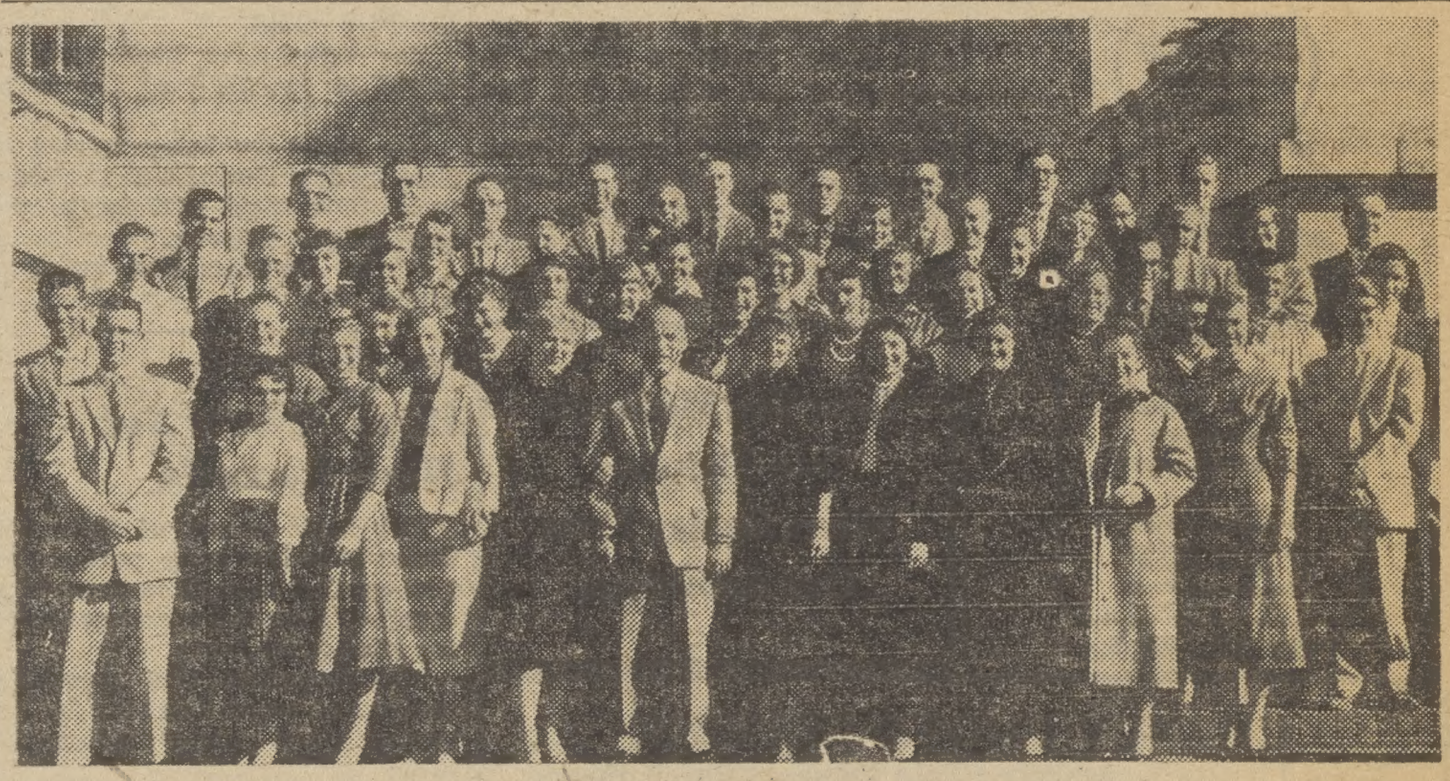
As a special feature of the evening, a trumpet quartet comprised of Elders May Berryessa, Richard Goates, Marvin Mumford and Glen Ward very able entertainers.

The next General Priesthood gathering for all Melchizedek and Aaronic Priesthood holders will be Saturday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m. when the proceedings of the Priesthood Meeting of the General Conference will be brought to the Stake House by special closed circuit wire.

President David B. Haight promises another outstanding meeting for the entire Priesthood for Priesthood Night, Saturday, July 20., the next such meeting on the Stake Calendar.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Due to Northern California Day at the Los Angeles Temple falling on the second Saturday of each month, the stake presidency announces that the Palo Alto Stake Priesthood Night is moved from the SECOND to the THIRD Saturday of each month.



STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND ALSO AT THE LDS INSTITUTE REGION Le Conte Street, Berkeley, near the U.C. campus pose on the steps with the campanile as a background, January 19, 1957.

Shown above: front row L to R—M. Jacolsen, B. Bertagnolli, J. Reiche, Mildred Anderson, Kirma Kenner, Lee Kenner, A. Wixom, M. Biery, Jalyn Jansson, R. Hunt

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hour—difficult only in the sense of loss, personal loss, I tried to discover as I went over my thoughts of this man, to answer to myself what I thought was the outstanding virtue of his leadership and influence among us. And I believe I caught that. And all that have spoken have said it in one way or another. It's to be found in one of the Proverbs:

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THY HEART AND LEAN NOT TO THY OWN UNDERSTANDING.

I read something a while ago that started me thinking along this line. It was that when a man leans to his own understanding and boasts by his own strength—when he boasts of probing the mysteries of the atom or the depth of the sea or the secrets of outer space, he forgets God and claims he is his own master, the result is untold suffering.

Even though ones position is maintained, even though material wealth increases, a success quickly turns to failure when God has been forgotten. There is no peace of mind, no personal satisfaction of inward joy. To trust in the Lord with all thine heart is a mark of strength and is the only path to happiness, success and true fulfillment.

Dominant Characteristic

That's the dominant characteristic of President Ranker's life. And interestingly enough, even in his passing, as though he were bequeathing the greatest heritage he could confer upon the one member of his family who bears his name—his name throughout earth—when it was evident that he was in distress and in deep difficulty, he called this fine son, who walks the path of his father, learned in the art and the skill of this trained doctor.

And when he saw his father fall—the one he loved most in all the world—and that he did not yield to his ministration, then it seemed as though even in his passing the father would say "Emery, my son, lean not unto thine own understanding. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart." It was as I've heard young Emery say, "I tried everything that I knew yet he slipped away in spite of all of it, and I was unable to do a thing."

Well, that was it, Emery. He has bequeathed it to you. Take the torch now. Hold it high because he gave to you something that's more highly prized than all the wealth of all the world because in that kind of understanding will come your greatest strength.

Quaint Teaching

Yes, President Ranker did advance in great scholastic fields, but he had a great way, a quaint way of teaching this divine principle. I'm thinking back now to one of the Berkeley conferences when I was one of the assigned visiting authorities. I think you may remember it, Sister Ranker and President Harmon and you folks from Berkeley. He said that he'd done a lot of thinking lately of what he was going to do when he got on the other side.

They would probably not need many physicians over there in that place where time would be no

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Every Registered Scout, Troop 327 Received At Least One Award At Recent Scout Court Of Honor

At a court of honor held in San Carlos Ward in commemoration of National Boy Scout Week members of San Carlos Ward witnessed an unusual Scout Court inasmuch as every registered scout in troop 327 received at least one award.

The program was held Sunday evening and was planned by the Scouts and conducted by Scoutmaster Keith W. Merrill. Scout Bruce Freeman was awarded the Life Scout badge by Executive Marvin Stratton. Sister Marie Freeman was awarded a silver pin in recognition of her influence as a mother of a Life Scouter.

Shown above are: **First Row:** left to right, Bruce Freeman, Duane H. Greene (assist. Scoutmaster) Marvin Stratton (Scout executive, thunderbird district, San Mateo Area Council), Donald Baker (district scout commissioner), Keith W. Merrill (Scout master), James Johnson (assist. Scout master) **Second Row:** Barclay Smith Jr., Michael Merrill, John Johnson, Frank Fenlon, Lee Ball. **Third Row:** Michiel Brinton, James Johnson, Alan Cheney, James Ball, Richard Jackson.

Apologies To Several Reporters

On account of a mysterious loss of a shief of Messenger copy in the printer's mail, several important stake and ward reports are missing in this issue.

We invite the inclusion of this material by reporters in this April stories.

San Fran. Stake Meeting Calendar

Stake Meetings: March

2 Sat	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Service at Stake House
3 Sun		Fast Sunday
		Special Anniversary evening program for Relief Society in each ward except Bay & Sunset Wards which will be at other times.
	7:30 p.m.	Stake Welfare Committee meeting
7 Thu	7:00 p.m.	Stake Melchizedek Pr. & Stake Aaronic Pr. Committees
	8:00 p.m.	Stake Presidency & High Council
8-9, Fri-Sat		MONTHLY TEMPLE EXCURSION, Leave Stake House 7:30 p.m. Fri. March 8th. One week advance deadline for arrangements. This one assigned especially to High Priests, Seventies and wives.
10 Sun	2:30 p.m.	Bishopric and Stake Presidency
	7:45 p.m.	STAKE PRIESTHOOD LEADERSHIP MEETING (Quorum Committee Type)—for all Melchizedek & Aaronic Pr. Leaders & Instructors.
14 Thu	10:00 a.m.	Stake Relief Society Union Meeting
	Stake Conference: 16th & 17th—	
16 Sat	6:30 p.m.	Priesthood-Leadership meeting
	8:00 p.m.	HUSBANDS & WIVES Special Meeting—Refreshments following
17 Sun	10:00 a.m.	General Session
	2:00 p.m.	General Session—(Note change of time to 2:00 p.m.)
	7:30 p.m.	MIA Session
18 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Stake Presidency & Regional Welfare Meeting, Oakland
21 Thu	7:00 p.m.	Stake Melchizedek Pr. Committee
	7:45 p.m.	Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Presidency &High Council.
24 Sun		High Council visits to all Wards
	2:30 p.m.	Stake Sunday School Monthly Preparation meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Stake MIA Leadership meeting

San Francisco Stake Social Caledar

Social Events: March

1-3 Fri-Sat-Sun		Annual Jr. M-Men—Jr. Gleaner Meetings
9 Sat		MIA Institute for entire region
19 Tue		MiaMaid "Dear to My Heart" night
22 Fri		Music Festival
23 Sat	8:30 p.m.	Saturday Night Dance
24-31		M-Men—Gleaner Week
30 Sat	7:30 p.m.	M-Men—Gleaner Dinner Dance, Stake House

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"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

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more. They would not need any doctors of bodies because there when all the resurrection had taken place. And what-in-the-world was he going to do when he got over there on the other side? And so as he began to ask himself that question, he decided he'd better get busy and learn something that would be of eternal worth when he got on the other side.

Things of Eternal Worth

Do you remember that sermon? Well, it was an interesting thing. When President Harmon got up he began to wonder where a lawyer would be in the next world when that time came. And I suppose an accountant like President Mayhew might wonder if there would be any books to balance or any audits to make over there where there were greater auditors than he. And I suppose a real estate man might wonder where he'd end up unless he began to learn something else. And if there was an undertaker, I guess he'd begin to wonder it he'd have a place over there unless he began to learn something else. Well, all through that conference this quaint but effective message seemed to be the whole and center . . . We'd better, while time is here, learn a kind of business that lasts for the eternities!

You see, that's what he lived by and that's the message that he left us.

And as I thought of that, I thought of one who had gone away and got his doctors degree and how his father who had a high place in the Church came back to be with him at his graduation. This father made him promise that he'd go back now and get active in the Church because for eight years during his college and his advance work he had hardly been close to the Church. But when he got back he found that while he had become a Ph.D., in secular things he was still down in the eigth grade or in highschool in his religion.

I watched that man. He made an impression on me as he told about his own life. Then I saw him move through life, making his choices, leaning upon his own understanding. I saw his life spiritually totter, shatter, saw him fail, and one day suffer the terrifying experience of excommunication from the Church and Kingdom of God because he failed to lean upon the source of true divine power.

Was Mission Completed?

As I thought of President Ranker's passing, I had some questions in my mind and I'm wondering if some of you are asking some questions. Did he go before his mission was completed? He was only 60 years of age. Did he have a patriarchal blessing that indicated that there was yet work to be done here in the earth before he was taken?

Well, when I began to think those questions in my mind I thought, "After all, what is the purpose of life? It's to bring to pass immortality and eternal Life."

Well, immortality was won. If he had been here but a few minutes in mortality and then been snatched away he would have gained Immortality.

Eternal Life is to be won by one who lives the Gospel and is true to his covenants. Well, I think there is nobody here who would say he has not filled that mission.

What Iis Life

What is Life? Is life measured by the span between birth and mortal death? I heard a young teacher who was bothered by that question from a Sunday School student. She said this student had asked "Now you speak about the life before this, and this life and the next life. The life before this came to an end when we were born into mortality. This life comes to an end when we die a mortal death. When does the next life come to the end? Is it oblivion after that?"

And this teacher was troubled and so she came over to talk to me about it. And I said to her, "I suppose we do talk rather loosely and use the English language rather without too much care. After all, we are not like a cat of nine lives. We don't have three or four or more lives. There is only one life. That life didn't begin with mortal birth. It doesn't end with mortal death. There is something about us that the scriptures speak of as Intelligence that was neither created or made."

Well, you might say, "Why was he called to be a stake president if it were to last only the short span of six months? If it were an inspired call, why did he have to be taken so soon?"

Stake Leader Died

Well, I had that experience once before. It was only six weeks or less and the man we had installed in a certain stake died and I was sent back to reorganize the stake, and when we made preparation for his funeral service many people said, 'Well, that puts you on the spot. Folks are saying, "Where was the inspiration to call a man who was to be taken away in just a few short weeks."

Well, as that service ended, Joseph Fielding Smith was sitting on the stand and he said to me, "I want to tell you something that I have had as a conviction all my life. I believe that every position that we are called to in the Church and Kingdom of God will have an influence on what we are called to do when we leave this earth If a man were called to be a stake president and were to die that very day that position would have a bearing on what he'd be called to do in the hereafter."

I have that conviction that where President Ranker has gone now the experience and training that he has had will be of great worth in our Father's business beyond this life.

Was He Overworked?

Well, you might say "Was he over worked? Did we contribute to an untimely death by asking too much of him in the Church besides his profession?" Well, I talked with Brother Romney about that. He was your last conference visitor. We are always concerned about our stake presidents and almost always we talk with them confidentially and privately and ask them that question. So Bro. Romney asked Pres. Ranker, "Now are you working too hard? How's your health? How are you getting along?" And you know what Pres. Ranker said? Most of you who have been close to him have heard him say it:

"Well, if I am then I'll give up my practice because I love this work. If I'm working too hard with both of them, then I'll sacrifice my profession and keep on with the Lord's work."

Well, I suppose you'd say that he was overworked if you mean by that that he loved to dig out in his garden and prune his trees and to spray them.

I suppose you'd say he was overworked if it meant while I left my car in his garage at the time we went to the Hawaiian Islands he found that it was too dirty to turn over to me when I got back and he went out and washed it himself.

I suppose his waiting on a dear little widow who had broken her hip and was in serious distress, and going to her hour after hour to minister to her pain and without a dime of compensation but the joy of service, I guess you'd call that a kind of overworking.

Fasted and Prayed

If you'd say it was overworking to be so concerned about operating on the patriarch's wife when he knew she had a serious and incurable malady and that the only thing that could sustain her life for only a brief time depended upon skill he had in his hands and the knowledge he had in his brain, I guess it was overworking to feel so personally about it that he fasted and prayed before he went to such an operation.

I suppose it was overworking if it meant the picking of his fruit and distributing it around and carrying it all the way to Salt Lake City to some of his beloved friends. I guess it was a kind of overwork.

I suppose it was overwork to take care of the sick and distressed missionaries without charge to the Northern California Mission.

I guess it was overwork to go upon the welfare farm to serve and to build, and to see building there a production project that would bless and make sure and safe the welfare of this people. I suppose it was a kind of overwork.

But with it all, you've never met a happier man than President Ranker!

Happy Philosophy

The philosophy that made him happy was revealed in some of his sayings. He said to me, and I guess he said it to some of you, "When I have a patient who is desperatly ill; when I confer with them and they consult me about their case, I don't know whether to give them a pill or a Gospel tract. I'm not sure which is going to be the best for their welfare."

How many times has he said, "Well, you know it's just strange that today I cancelled all my appointments. I haven't a thing to do but to spend my time looking after your welfare." Have you ever heard him say that to any of you? It just happened he cancelled all his appointments in order to perform a service unselfishly without compensation.

Have you ever heard him say "I'd swim a mighty wide river, little girl, for your father."?

Almost his last expression, at least to us, came in a telephone call—am I thinking right when I say it was last Monday night? He called all the way long distance to my office in Salt Lake City. Unfortunately I had just left. My secretary received the call. He said "Tell Brother Lee that I've had a coronary. I'll be down for at least six weeks. My stake must not be neglected. Maybe it would be best if they reorganize immediately so that the work won't be neglected."

When you think of those expressions, may I add to it what someone has said:

Forget Themselves

How prudently most men sink into nameless graves, but now and then one or two forget themselves into immortality.

There you have it in the life of this man. Happy!

Do you remember what the Chinese proverb said?

"If there's righteousness in the heart, there's beauty in the character.

If there's beauty in the charcter, there's love in the home.

If there's love in the home, there's harmony in the nation.

And if there's harmony in the nation, there's peace in the world."

But there's another kind of peace that can come and that the Master spoke of in his last closing sermon. You'll find that sermon commencing in the fourteenth chapter of John and ending with the sixteenth. It commences, you remember, "In my Father's house are many mansions, I go now to prepare a place for you that where I am there ye may be also."

The Prophet Joseph said a better translation would have said, "In my Father's kingdom there are many houses and I go to prepare a place for you."

And then it ends with this significant statement, after he had preached that marvelous sermon;

"I have said these things unto you that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Although turmoil may be all around us, in our heart we can have peace if we overcome these things of the world; and that's why President Ranker was a happy man.

As I rode down thinking about him today, as we turned off the highway and took the narrow drive a sign there said "Happy Valley Road." Would you like to follow that road to the land of the Happy Valley? Well, here's the man who has shown you the way.

Shall I give you a title to think of fondly in the years to come and to keep high as a watch-word when all things seem to be going wrong? Will you think of him as "The Squire of Happy Valley and the Father of Walnut Creek? Give him that title and emblazon it on your hearts and then follow the course that will help you to find the way to Happy Valley—to your Happy Valley.

End of March Issue Installment ... of Memorial Address by Elder Lee.

To be concluded in full in the April Messenger.

The Messenger Up On The Farm

By Rhea Nelson

"Why, it's level!" We said to Brother Monson. "The last time we were here it had little rolling hills and gulleys!"

Virgil Monson smiled and pushed back his hat with a brown hand. "You folks should come to the church farm more often—keep up with the changes. Would you like to take a ride and see what we've been up to?"

We said we would enjoy that and climbed into the farm truck.

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The week before Christmas is characteristically hectic. Thousands of people push along on the streets intent and unaware. As we left Berkeley Monday morning cars backed into heavy traffic, honking, and trucks double parked in front of stores unloading last minute items. The pace was slow and undisciplined. It was city life multiplied several times over.

At the Nut Tree on Highway 50 we purchased film and mingled with still more people.

One long block farther on we turned left and drove through farming country, brown with winter.

If you haven't been to the church farm recently you will find that the road enters the property in a new place, but a sign indicates the way and the new road is graded and graveled. The grove that followed the west fence is now farther on down the highway and most of the trees have been cut. (We helped with that job the other time we visited the farm.)

Brother Monson hailed us as we parked the car near the new contemporary ranch house. Another car followed us and we greeted Yvonne and Lloyd Perry of Concord Ward. Brother and Sister Monson are parents of Yvonne, and the Perry's were instrumental in persuading the Monsons to come here and manage the farm.

The Monsons come from Idaho where they were successful farmers, experienced in large farm management. The farm they have now leased near Idaho Falls is 120 acres and grows regular crops besides the famous Idaho potato. Living at the church farm are Virgil Monson and his wife, who is Relief Society President at the Vacaville Branch, their two sons and a daughter recently returned from the "Y". A married son lives in Utah, and, with Yvonne, the family consists of five children.

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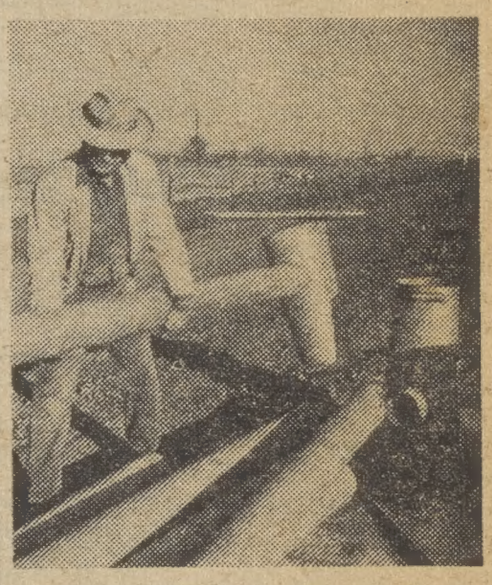

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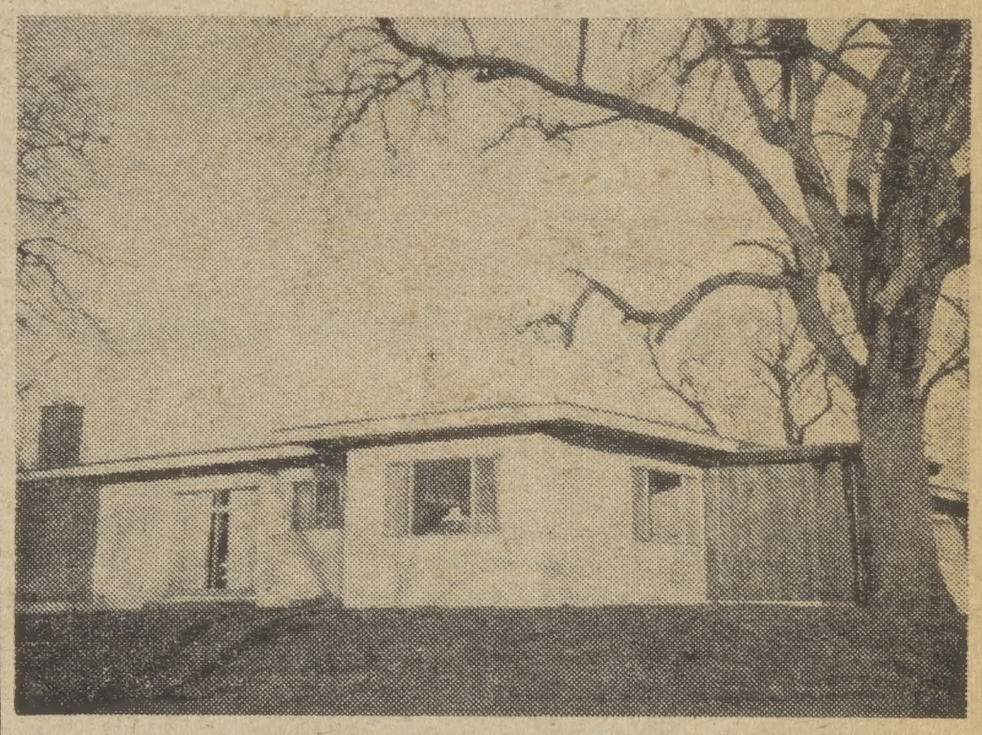

FORMAN'S NEW AND COMMODIOUS COTTAGE
. . . on the East Bay welfare farm the old house has been replaced by a completely modern ranch-type cottage.

Wedding Bells

San Lorenzo Ward: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Betridge announced the marriage of their son, Kenneth, to Neva Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manual Bettencourt of San Leandro. Bishop Smead officiated at the wedding.

Oakland Fourth Ward: Eleanor Matheson, daughter of Brother and Sister William Matheson was married to James P. Murphy, in Reno, January 14. James' parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Murphy of San Leandro. James is a member of Oakland Second and has completed two years at the BYU.

The ward Young Ladies' MIA honored Eleanor at a shower Feb. 6 at the ward chapel.

Eleanor and her husband were honored at a dinner by the Gleaner Girls at the home of Sister Vera Dorfer, former Gleaner leader, Feb. 18.

Oakland Fourth ward: Best wishes to Eva Johnson whose engagement has been announced.

Oakland Fourth Ward: Iris Edwards, daughter of Brother and Sister E. L. Edwards will be married March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel of the Chimes, to William Saari, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Saari of Oakland. Bishop Leland H. Wright, Sr., will perform the ceremony. A reception will be held, after the ceremony, at the Edwards' home, 3027 Modesto Avenue.

San Leandro: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Urish announce the marriage of their daughter, Marla Jean to Earl McDermit at Kirkland Air Force Base in Albuqerque, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Unks announce the marriage of their daughter, Sharon Louise to James Kenton Cooper, on January 25 in Reno, Nevada.

Mrs. Ruby Ostler announces the marriage of her son, Mickey Ostler to Sandy Lawson on December 20 in Modesto, California.

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On The Farm

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Brother Monson is a quietly confident man who knows his business and as we climbed into the bright red pick-up truck he explained the working operation to us.

Near the house are planted groups of walnut, apricot and peach trees, and later on this spring almonds will be planted making 3000 trees in all. He explained that the peaches and apricots will be ready for a crop in about 3 years while the walnuts will take 6 years of growth before nuts can be harvested. He anticipates that the fruit from the farm will be taken to the welfare canneries. This will eliminate buying the fruit which is canned. The money from the crops so far has been used to help pay for the farm, which cost $105,000.00 three years ago and for the much needed improvements which have been costly.

Fresh green was showing about an inch above ground over a large part of the farm and Brother Monson said that it was winter barley. Last year 80 acres and this year 175 acres of barley were planted. Winter barley is sown in December and harvested in May.

"A good rain would help the crop along," he said as he pushed his hat back and looked at the clear sky.

"Why don't you irrigate?" we asked.

"Well, we have the two large pumps which are enough to water the farm," he answered, "except that you don't irrigate in winter. The winter rains take care of your watering for you." Stand pipes are located over the farm and the water is conducted underground to these concrete pipes. Then portable metal feeder pipes take the water where it is needed. This system, 600 gallons per minutes, has been installed since the church farm was purchased.

At the extreme eastern boundary a canal is being dug which leads from the Montecello Dam. The farm will not get water from this dam since the land is too high and the canal will be used for drainage of winter water. There is the possibility that another canal will be made which would include the farm. The storage and use of water at the Dam will decide this.

Sweeney Creek whose bed has been dug out and filled in along its winding route over the farm is about 12 feet deep and curves along near the eastern border. It passes over the canal. Brother Monson told us that last years rains filled the creek and overflowed its banks below the house.

The next big work project is rip-wrapping the curve of the creek with rock to prevent erosion and loss of good farm ground.

"How many of the 255 acres are now under cultivation," we asked. "About 200," he said. "What is left is taken up by pasture for the sheep, Sweeney creek, the house and farm buildings, and the recreation area (this is east and north of the house and beyond Sweeney Creek. A grove of trees shades it and electricity and provisions for water storage are in the area.)

"We plan to keep about 75 sheep and sell the others," he went on. "See how they are grazing, so still they seem to be painted. That means they are contented. Sheep bunch up when they are uneasy."

Two dogs raced about the yard playing games. One is a cross between Cihuahua with alert intelligent eyes and a dauchaund, long and low. The other is a puppy of indiscriminate orgin. Brother Monson pointed out with a nice smile that neither is what you'd rightly call a sheep dog, but he hopes to train them anyway. He reached down and scratched two eager pairs of ears.

We went into the "L" shaped house designed by Wes Seegmiller with its brick fireplace and sun filled, comfortable rooms. There was even a porch for work clothes and we were filled with nostalgia for the ranch home we know in Idaho.

The next neighbor is 100 acres away—near enough for emergencies—yet distant, too. There is breathing and seeing room here and scope for the heart and mind.

The hills shadowed in the near distance and evening peace descended over the land.

We looked for a silent moment at this serenity and then, reluctantly, turned the car toward Berkeley.

Births

Claremont: Mr. Robert F. and Svea Pearson Lowe have a daughter, Joanne Rene 6 lb 1 oz, born Jan. 28, 1957.

Mr. Lamont E. and Billie Lou Hunt Carr, girl, Kimberly Ann, 8 lb 5 oz, born Feb. 8, 1957.

Mr. Richard F. and Enid Wood Nelson, girl Susan, 6 lb 15 oz. born Feb. 12, 1957 at Provo Utah.

San Lorenzo ward: The Alton Peterson family and the Archie Briggs family are both overjoyed at the arrival of new baby boys.

Alameda Ward: To Sterling and Vivian Nicolaysen, a boy was born Jan. 30. The name is David.

A daughter was born to Wayne and Evelyn Castle. The Castles are now in Alameda.

San Leandro ward: A son was born to Duane and Jean Fitch on Feb. 2.

Alameda Ward: Death came quietly during sleep to Alice Booth Simpson, 82, at the home of her daughter, Irene Knudsen. Sister Simpson was born in England and has lived in Alameda for fifty years. Besides her daughter she is survived by a son, Stanley Simpson, and four grandchildren. She was a faithful worker in Relief Society and beloved by the members.

Claremont: Frederick John Hatt died Feb. 21, 1957, after a long illness. Funeral services were held in Claremont Ward Feb. 23 and a few days later in Salt Lake City. Burial took place in Springville Utah.

Dr. Milton Brinton, LDS Physician Takes Over Dr. Ranker's Practice

Friends of the late Dr. Emery R. Ranker are expressing pleasure to know that Dr. Ranker's medical practice is being carried forward in the same office by a former protege of Dr. Ranker's, one whom he had confidence in and had guided into the profession.

Dr. Milton Brinton, LDS physician and surgeon and acting president of the Chinese-Polynesian Branch in San Francisco where he has also been a leading surgeon at the Marine Hospital, has taken over the medical practice of the late beloved Dr. Ranker.

It is stated that Dr. Ranker had been a close associate of Dr. Brinton's and had assisted him as a young man to secure a through medical training because of confidence in his integrity and ability.

Dr. Brinton was graduated from the McGill University Medical School in Canada with high honors, and is now a diplomat of the American Board of Surgeons, the highest honor for American physicians.

Elder Brinton's illustrated lectures on the Word of Wisdom have attracted wide attention in Utah as well as locally. He is a son of the late Milton Brinton and Edna Brinton of Berkeley Ward.

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Mrs. Ida Hinckley Dies At The Home Of Her Daughter

Mrs. Ida Cheever Hinckley, 81, mother of Mrs. Wayne E. Mayhew of Berkeley Ward, died Friday, February 15, 1957 at the home of her daughter in Berkeley. She passed away quietly in her sleep during the early morning hours after a lingering illness. Funeral services and burial were in Ogden, Utah.

She was born October 30, 1875 and was married to Samuel E. Hinckley in 1898 in the Manti Temple.

During her lifetime she was active in the Church and held executive positions in Relief Society, Primary and the YWMIA. She served a term as a member of the Central Company of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and was active in Red Cross and other community projects.

She served as president of the ladies auxiliary of the Utah Real Estate Assn., and during World War I was awarded a citation by the U.S. Treasury Department for her work in the Liberty bond drives.

She is survived, in addition to Mrs. Mayhew, by two daughters: Mrs. Helen H. Jones of Altadena, Calif., and Mrs. Maurice H. Rhead of Ogden, Utah, nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

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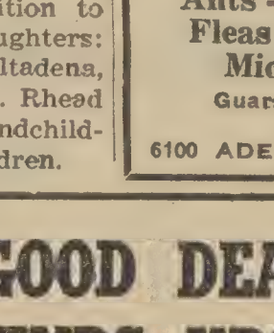
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Stake Conference

Sectarians Declared Prophets No Longer Existed On Earth; God Agreed, Sent Prophet Joseph

by Ray Rackley

One hundred and fifty years ago Christian leaders everywhere were declaring that prophets no longer existed on the earth. The Lord agreed with them and He accordingly raised up Joseph Smith to be the prophet of the Latter-days. Thus was fulfilled the scripture which reads: "The Lord will do nothing but what He will reveal His will unto His servants the prophets."

ELDER MARK E. PETERSON OF THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE . . . attended the Oakland-Berkeley Stake conference

This was the substance of the Sunday afternoon address of Elder Mark E. Peterson, of the Council of the Twelve, who came from Salt Lake City to preside over the sessions of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake conference held Saturday and Sunday, February 16 and 17, at the Claremont Ward chapel and the Scottish Rite auditorium.

"Lo, here is Christ! Lo, there is Christ!" proclaimed the leaders of the religious revival which took place in western New York State in the spring of 1820. The young Joeseph Smith, unable to reconcile their conflicting arguments, read one day in the New Testament, James 1:15, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Accepting with simple faith this counsel, Joseph retired to a grove near his home to pray for wisdom. For a moment he was attacked by the power of evil but shortly he saw a light appearing above his head and the evil power left. In the light were two personnages, One pointed to the other, saying, "Joseph, this is my beloved Son, hear Him."

Join None of Them

The young man was told to join none of the then contending sects. They were all wrong; they were an abomination in the sight of the Lord. They taught for doctrines the commandments of men and while they had a form of godliness they denied the power thereof.

Elder Peterson here commented that many religious groups as well as civic clubs like the rotary and Masonic lodges and also the polio foundation and other comparable groups do much good. But these groups do not lead a man to salvation; they cannot lead a man back into the presence of God. They do not have the power to act in the name of God.

To give force to these assertions Elder Peterson recalled that the quorum of the twelve apostles of the primitive Church was intended to be perpetuated. On the fall or death of one of the twelve a new man was called, by revelation, to take his place. Matthias, Barnabas and Paul became apostles in this manner.

Church Persecuted

Through persecution, however, the Church was not able to continue to fill new vacancies and eventually only one apostle, John was left.

John was banished to the Isle of Patmos and on being released he removed to Ephesus where he acted as head of the whole Church. Rome by this time had three bishops, none of whom ever had any authority to administer in any but strictly local affairs.

Philosophers of the time converted the relatively simple doctrine of the nature of God into an incomprehensible series of contradictions. The glamor and show of the pagans replaced the purity of the early Christian practices.

Finally, to unite the empire, the emperor Constantine made Christianity the state religion. This emperor, who at the time was not even a member of the Church, went so far as to appoint bishops in the various parts of the empire, giving them the only authority he had any right to give: political authority.

Martin Luther

Even Martin Luther, who centuries later attempted to lead Christianity back to its original purity, had no divine commission to carry on that work. Rather he received a political appointment from Prince John of Saxony just as a man today might to appointed secretary of agriculture or secretary of defense by President Eisenhower.

Thus, just 137 years ago, when Joseph Smith went into the grove to pray, there was not a man on the earth who could act in the name of God. To this purpose was the Prophet raised up.

President O. Leslie Stone brought the stake membership up to date on the many problems connected with the setting up of the new stake, and dividing the intere_ new stake, and dividing the interests of the three East Bay stakes in two welfare centers.

East Bay Welfare Farm

He announced that the East Bay welfare farm in Solano County is now owned equally by our stake and the Walnut Creek Stake, and that the interests of the Oakland wards in the present Hayward Stake farm at Pleasanton had been adjudicated satisfactorily to all concerned and proper credit to these wards applied on the East Bay welfare farm.

Plans for a tri-stake welfare center at Gould Street and 98th Avenue, and probably for a regional welfare center at the same place were told.

President Elmo R. Smith, reading from section 68 of the Doctrine and Covenants, recalled that the duty of parents included teaching children to pray, to walk uprightly and to keep the Sabbath day holy. A man would risk all he had, his life included, to save the mortal life of his child. It is even more important to help a child gain eternal life.

In this duty the parents are helped by the Primary, the Sunday School, the Aaronic Priesthood leaders and the seminaries.

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President Delbert Rock said that he marveled at the reverence the church members showed for their leaders. He also remarked that the families and friends of President Ranker were greatly consoled by their testimonies of th gospel at the latter's recent funeral. "We haven't any doubt about the future life," he said. He also recalled the thrill he had in seeing the movie Oliver Cowdery which is having current showing in the Bay Area.

Who Were Oak. IV Bishopric Members In 1947?

The bishopric of Oakland Fourth Ward (formerly Maxwell Park Ward) in 1947 was pictured in the Messenger of February 1947, ten years ago.

Can you recall them?

They were Bishop William A. Stewart with Counselors Grant H. Hawkins and Richard A. Allphin and Clerk Ronald A. Cheney.

William A. Stewart was later called to be the Oakland Stake clerk, and now of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake. Richard Allphin, an optician, accepted a position in Utah and has made his home there ever since.

Ronald Cheney moved to Santa Rosa where he repesents the Chip Steak company as distributor, the company of which Vao Cheney is manager and part owner.

Grant Hawkins has been called to many respoisible Church positions and is at present serving as second counselor to Bishop Leland Wright, Oakland Fourth Ward.

The Messenger of February 15, 1947, ten years ago carried a top column article entitled, "Berkeley Stake's Quarterly Conference", reporting that stake's first conference held February 15 and 16, 1947. Today it is interesting to note that just ten years from that 1947 date (lacking one month) the Walnut Creek Stake held its first stake conference (January 5 and 6, 1957) a stake comprised of territory which ten years ago included only two small wards and one branch in the then Berkeley Stake.

The report in the Messenger of February 1947 says, "For the first time in the history of the Church, the new Berkeley Stake of Zion will hold a quarterly conference. The sessions will all be held in the Berkeley chapel, beginning Saturday February 15 at 6:30 p.m., when a Welfare meeting will be held, followed at 8 p.m., by the Stake Leadership meeting.

"On Sunday morning, February 16th at 9 a.m., two concurrent sessions will be held, one for the priesthood in the recreation hall, the other for all the ladies in the chapel proper, while at 10:30 the first main session of the conference convenes.

"Sunday afternoon sees the missionary meeting at 1 p.m., and the general conference session at 2 p. m., while at 7 p. m. the closing session will be held."

Visiting authorities at the conference were Elder Joseph F. Merrill of the Council of Twelve and Henry D. Moyle of the General Welfare Committee. It will be noted that this was before Elder Moyle had been made a member of the Council of Twelve.

SALT LAKE INVENTOR

A news item 75 years ago dated Dec. 29, 1881 says that John Sunbeck of the 18th Ward had invented a folding bed. The News editor was confident it would revolutionize that aspect of the furniture industry.

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"Now Take the Pebble out of Your Mouth" was the provocative title of the MIA session of the conference Sunday evening in the Claremont chapel. Young people from each ward of the stake presented a program showing the wrong way and the right way to give a talk in church.

Music for the morning session of the conference was furnished by the singing mothers of the stake, lead by Emma Harmon. The combined ward choirs under Sterling Nicolayson sang in the afternoon. The stake MIA chorus, led by Verna Johnson, and a sextet from the Berkeley Wards sang in the evening.

LIAHONAS CLUB

Election of officers for 1957 is set for the next Liahona Club meeting, Monday, February 25, 1957 from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Robin Hood, 55 West Grand Avenue, Oakland. The nominating committee, chaired by Art Bliss has reported candidates: Dale E. Roe, for president; Wendell C. Martin for first vice president; Jack Evans for second vice president; Herb Van Noy for treasurer; I. B. Ball for secretary; Art Bliss for board chairman with these members of the board: District 1: Dennis Lauper, Curtis R. Bybee, J. Howard Dunn District 2: Woody Bates, Dr. Richard W. Lyman, Sid Feller. District 3: John L. Kelly, Ted Fontano, LaRue Duffin. District 4: C. Ronald Smith, Sam Scott, Jack Smith.

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Architect's Plans Oakland I and III Chapel Shown

The architect's drawings of the floor plans of the proposed new ward chapel on Temple Hill for Oakland I and Oakland III Wards were spread on a table recently in in the Oakland III chapel by Pres. O. Leslie Stone for all to see.

At this MIA special interest class, it was pointed out that this beautiful, modern chapel will be worth waiting for. It will be built under the same contract and time as the Inter-stake Church Center; this for reasons of unity and economy.

This two-ward chapel will cover 20,000 square feet of surface and cost approximately $275,000, which will be part of the approximate total of $1,500,000 construction for stake and ward-chapels on Temple Hill to be built under one contract in 1957.

This capacious ward structure will seat 300 people and will be entirely separate from the Inter-stake Church Center, yet adjoining it. Its choir section will seat 40 and its pulpit 12 more.

It will have a separate junior Sunday School with 4 classrooms on the same level; two separate bishops' offices and adjoining rooms for each ward.

A cry-room will be built; the last cry-room to be approved by the church which now does not approve of cry-rooms for chapels in the future, Pres. Stone stated.

This well-planned chapel will have one lounge but have adjoining separate kitchens for each ward. The lounge will be separate from the Relief Society rooms. There will be a scout room and adequate storage and class rooms.

It will be two stories high on one side and one story high on the opposite side as the slope of the land allows.

The pipe organ and the large piano that have served so well in Oakland Chapel will be installed in the new ward chapel, it is understood.

The Oakland III chapel on Dimond Avenue Oakland is now on the market. Included in that sale will be all things in the building except records and paintings and perhaps a few other small items.

The populations of Oakland I Ward and Oakland III after the membership of now dissolved Oakland V Ward had been divided between them was 677 and 678 respectively.

The original cost of constructing the Oakland I Ward was approximately $35,000 and the lot cost a further $2,500 The recent sale price of this same chapel on the same lot was $97,700, it was stated.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake

Delbert Rock Jr. Became President Stake Mission

Delbert H. Rock Jr., was sustained president of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Mission at the stake conference February 10, 1957. Elder Rock selected as his counselors Armis J. Ashby and Theodore C. Hilton.

This mission presidency takes the place of the former presidency consisting of Pres. Roy F. Weindorf with counselors Delbert H. Rock Jr., and Armis J. Ashby.

Elder Hilton has been serving as president of the Claremont District in the mission. Pres. Weindorf was sustained as a member of the stake high council.

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Alameda Ward

Ralph Lane Makes Ward 'Proud Again'

by Amelia D. Everett

Ralph E. Lane was awarded the Silver Beaver Medal for outstanding service to the Alameda Scout organization at a Scout Council Annual Dinner in Alameda February 12th.

Brother Lane is a member of the council executive board. He was chairman of Scout Troop 16 for four years.

The Alemada group stated that Lane has always had time to devote to any Scout activity assigned to him.

Besides this and church duties, being a good husband and father, Brother Ralph is treasurer and second vice-president of Alameda Kiwanis Club and a member of the committee for under-privileged children.

Oakland Fourth

"Night Of Fun" To Raise Sport-Funds

by Vera Dorfer

The youth of Oakland Fourth Ward will present a big night of fun, with food, entertainment and a full-length feature film, Friday, March 15, in the ward recreation hall. The film, "Curtain Call at Cactus Creek" will star Donald O' Connor. Cartoons will be added. Tickets will be sold at 50 cents each. Money will help provide for athletic equipment for the ward.

Oakland Fourth

Teachers Affirm Power Of Gospel

by Vera Dorfer

A marked spirt of reverence, strong expressions of personal testimony and belief in the power of the Gospel, and reports of progress in ward Prieshood and auxiliary organizations helped make the Oakland Fourth Ward conference successful February 10th.

Presiding was Delbert Rock, of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake presidency. The week-long observance featured visits of stake officers at all auxiliary meetings during the weeks and on Sunday. All auxiliary heads spoke at the 4 p.m. testimony meeting, as well as many stake officers, and ward teachers and leaders as possible.

Reports and testimonies were given also by all members of the bishopric.

Special Interest Dinner

A special interest dinner has been scheduled for March 19. All members of the ward, over 25 years of age, are invited, not only to the dinner, but to attend the Special Interest class. (Editor's note: The Special Interest class is proving to be one of the most interesting offered at MIA, under the direction of Vera Dorfer).

Congratulations, Janae

Congratulations to Jane Bodily who has just finished her course at dental school.

Apologies To Several Reporters

On account of a mysterious loss of a shief of Messenger copy in the printer's mail, several important stake and ward reports are missing in this issue.

We invite the inclusion of this material by reporters in this April stories.

The Mutual's Valentine Party, February 19, featured "breaking in" the newly waxed recreation hall floor. An evening of "fun-dancing" and some folk-dancing was directed by Wendell and Barbara Martin. Decorations directed by Vicki Martin; refreshments, Marilyn Asby.

Bishops Message

"And that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy Sacraments upon my holy day"—D and C 59:9.

This commandment applies to all members of the Church. Partaking of the Sacrament in Sunday School doesn't fulfill our obligation to our Heavenly Father. Our ward percentage of attendance at the meeting is 29 percent. The general authorities of the Church have set, as a goal 50 percent attendance of the membership.

May we urge you and your family to get into the habit of Sacrament meeting attendance. The Lord will bless you for so doing.

—Bishop Leland H. Wright

Attention All! Square Dancing Fridays For All

(continued from page 8)

Kennedy and family moved to Novato, and Wilford and Mary Louise Lindman and family to Salt Lake City. Brother Lindman and son, Jerry, went ahead last fall to build a new house. A reception was held at Bishop Breckon's home, the 27th of January honoring the Kennedys. The Lindmans were entertained at a dinner by the bishopric before they left. The Tao family also entertained them. We take this opportunity to again wish them well.

The Relief Society was reorganized with Erma Williams, president and Florence Hansen and Seredla Nauman counselors. The released officers of the Relief Society, Sally Kennedy and Ellen Taylor were honored at a luncheon on the 13th of February by the Relief Society.

Ordinations in the Priesthood were: John Wm. Baird and Cory Nelson, deacons, Jack Patrick, priest; and Frank Ortega Jr. teacher.

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Claremont Ward

Rummage Sale Set For March 8

by Donnette Bergeson

Do your spring housecleaning now, and give your usable discards to the Claremont Ward rummage sale. This will be held March 8 at the St. George Hall, 2440 Grove between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Brother Herman Uffens, who is in charge of the sale, has asked that contributions be brought to the chapel or the R. P. Karpus home, 469 63rd Street, or you may call brother Uffens, OL 2-5874 and he will see that it is picked up.

Claremont Ward

Primary Faculty Reorganized

February is Primary month with the giving of birthday pennies for the children's hospital. February also this year brought the reorganization of Claremont's Primary officers and teachers. Leaving is Donna Carter who has server four years in the Primary, two of them as president; Bonnie Coleman has served one year as counselor and Lou Anna Ribarich, devoting seven years, four of which were as a counselor.

The new officers are: Joyce Stauffer, president; Rhean Griffin, counselor; Norma Estrada, secretary; Althea Stoddard, Historian; Mary Nash, in-service trainer, and Ann Reiche, organist. Class teachers are: Winifred Banks, Arletta Rogers, Dorothy Millet, Margie Banks, Jean Wilcoxson, Harriet Hyer, Rita Hancock. Jean Reiche, Colleen Cook, Sharon Wardle. Classes still in need of teachers at time of publication are blazers, guides, chioster, second counselor, and homebuilders.

Bishop's Message—Something for Nothing

It takes time, effort and means to accomplish the work the Lord on this earth. Those of us who pursued the gospel plan in the previous life must have been anxiously engaged in a good cause and did bring about much righteousness. If we had not done so we would not be here now.

If we are exalted in the next life it will be because we were valiant in mortality and trained ourselves in the gospel and did not continue to decline calls from those in authority.

Those of us who think we can enjoy the blessings of the righteous in the next life, and do nothing in this life but coast along, may find that we have been expecting something for nothing.

MIA Play Shows Twice

The MIA play "Boyfriend for Dinner" had two showings, Fri. 15 and Tue. 19. The hilarious comedy was directed by Dorothy Bench, assisted by Winifred Banks. Stage crew: Cecil Wells, Jack Moran, Merle Watts, Mike and Cherie Towers. Cast: Sharon Wardle, Norma Wells, LaMont Bench, David Tucker, Clayton Wardle, Robert Ahlborn, Earl Remington, Robert Cook.

Miscellaneous

Rose Gleason informs us that if you wish to receive a complete set of next year's Relief Society lessons, you should order your magazine now, as these lessons start with the June issue.

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Richmond Ward

Howard Child Named Counselor

By Beverly Stevenson

Two good things have happened to the Howard Child family this month. Howard, our former Sunday School superintendent, has been made second counselor to Bishop Henderson: daughter, Maxine Riggs, has presented them, with a new granddaughter, Kim Maxine.

Della Child and Lucy Thomson (YWMIA Pres.) are thinking of organizing a grandma's club, as Lucy will become a grandmother for the first time this summer.

Ronald Ashcroft, is our new Sunday School superintendent. Brother Curtis Brinkerhoff replaces him as secretary to the Senior Aaronic Priesthood.

Recently the Primary "Homebuilders", under the direction of their leaders, Lucy Morley and Bea Parsons, held a lovely Fathers-and-Daughters Evening. On hand to enjoy the evening were the Primary presidency, Bishop Henderson, and three stake Homebuilder leaders. The Primary teachers sponsored a recent successful cake sale, for funds for the Interstake Building Center. The Primary has also completed very successfully their annual drive for the Penny Parade.

Sister Fern Barker directed the one act comedy "Boy Friend for Dinner", at MIA on Feb. 27. In the cast were Ron and Eva Ashcroft, Judy Holland, Tommy Simpson, Jesse Thorne, Dee Stevenson, Leon Henderson and Victor Gengler.

Jr M-Men and Jr Gleaners, with their leaders, Colleen Born and Orrin Jean, wisked off early one morning (4 a.m.) to Strawberry for toboganning, then to Trukee and, on to Reno, back to Grass Valley to visit several of the crowd's grandmothers, and then back home by 9:30 p.m.

Explorers and Scouts each had a snow trip to Calavares State Park, where they enjoyed skiing and toboganning. The Explorers also had a trip to Bar 49 Ranch for an Explorer "Rendevous."

A baby shower was given Svea Lowe at the home of Harriet Hyer. Myrle Watts assisted with Marcia Whie in charge of games. Robert Lowe substituted for his wife in opening the gifts as his wife was busy elsewhere; see births.

Also honored were Billie Carr and Caroline Koford at the home of Mary Eldridge. Entertainment, Val Wilcox.

Visiting the Paul Hyer's was his mother Mrs. A. C. Hyer from Ogden, Utah.

Alameda Ward

Ward Conference Theme, Reverence

By Amelia verett

At ward conference, Feb. 10, the theme was "Reverence." Stake President O. Leslie Stone presided, and Bishop Arnold B. Bangerter concluded.

Most of the officers and teachers spoke in the 4 p.m. meeting expressing reverent eagerness to do his assignment well. Counselor Wayne Lambourne expressed great concern for our large allotment in the Stake Building fund, but quoted a kindly remark, "with such a crew of workers, anything can be achieved."

The bishopric urges all officers and teachers of the ward to stress the importance of reverence in our chapel. Suggested for our use in this quotation: "Whosover thou art that enter into the house of God, be reverent, be silent, be thoughtful, and leave it not without a prayer unto God—for thyself, for them who officiate, and for them who worship here."

The Relief Society Rummage sale is April 19 at the Oakland Miller Rummage Center, 2049 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland.

Counselor Rollin Smith has returned from a business meeting in Salt Lake City for Cudahy Packing.

Melvin and Thelma Cammack and family, our old friends who moved to Oxnard two years ago, made a short stop here Feb. 27. They met many friends at Stake conference.

Afitha van't Hoff has been quite ill. Prayer was uttered in her behalf at Stake Conference.

Ordinances—

Walter Soots, James W. Patterson, Paul Hunter and Teila Fonoimoana elders; Charles Ray Goodfellow a deacon; Ernest Q. Tedders a teacher.

Babies blessed: Jennifer Kirkhan and Marlene Sue Gaydon.

Confirmed members: Theresa Marie Razzari, George Daniel Frenchick and Eleanor Jane Frenchick.

Brother John Nimetz has been in the Oakland Veterans' Hospital about a month. He has been unable to come to church for a long time. But many know his faithful wife Albertina who was converted after she was 80 years old. She is active in Relief Society and quite regular at Sunday School. She loves all of our meetings.

At the Relief Society Workday meeting a demonstration of cheese dishes was given by Rhea Gustaveson and Edna Burke. These tempting dishes were served the workers in a Valentine setting—on each table was a little tree strung with candy hearts. The trees were made by Ona Patterson.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake

Variety of Stake News Tells Stake Heads On Temple Excursion; Best-Ever Ward Conferences

By Mildred Fontano

The stake presidency, the stake patriarchs, the high council and high priests presidency and their wives made a trip to the Los Angeles Temple, Feb. 23, for ordiance work.

WARD CONFERENCES—The first ward conferences in the newly organized Oakland-Berkeley Stake were held in Alameda, East Richmond, and Oakland Fourth Wards February 10, under the direction of the three members of the stake presidency. They were outstanding meetings. The one we attended in Alameda under President O. Leslie Stone was the best ward conference we have ever attended. Other ward conferences will be scheduled for May.

USHERS—That group of ushers from Alameda Ward who took care of the large crowd of nineteen hundred at stake conference in the Scottish Rite Auditorium February 10 are all recent converts to the Church. Brothes Walter Soots, Paul Hunter, Louis Engel, Bro. Hayes and two others comprised the group.

Dennis Morgan Student President

At the election at San Lorenzo Village School one of our fine Mormon boys, Dennis Morgan, was elected president of the student body over 4 opponents. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Morgan of San Lorenzo, Haywood Stake. Dennis was the pitcher on the school baseball team last year. This team beat all comers and had their pictures in the Oakland Tribune. Dennis is also high point man on the basketball team and quarterback on the football team. He is not only a good sport but an examplary young man. Congratulations.

Successful Young Missionary Reports

By Mildred Fontano

Arthur Daniels, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Daniels of Oakland III, tells of being made branch president at Herstal, Belgium, also of visiting Julia Fitzpatrick's mother in Belgium. He has aspirations for his branch; wants a choir; also ward teaching; and singing mothers for the Relief Society.

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Oakland-Berkeley Stake's Official Revised Schedule of Stake Meetings Presented For Filing By Our Members

The Stake Presidency issued in January 1957 the following revised schedule of stake meetings, including the new plan for stake priesthood meetings:

"Unless otherwise specified, all of these meetings will be held in the Claremont Ward, 2334 Stuart Street, Berkeley. This ward is now the most centrally located in our stake, and it is felt it will be the most convenient place to meet for the majority of our members.

"Please note that our Baptismal services will be held in the Walnut Creek chapel at Overlook and Harvard Way, Walnut Creek. It will be necessary to use the baptismal fonts in our adjoining stakes until the inter-stake building is completed. Until further advised, we will hold our service at Walnut Creek.

"Also keep in mind that our priesthood meeting in March will be held on the third Saturday of March. Prieshood meeting will be on the second Saturday for all other months.

"The Stake President, or ir his absence one or both of his counselors, will be at Claremont Ward every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. or earlier by appointment for the purpose of interviewing and signing Temple recommends. Please inform those interested to be there promptly at 7:00 p.m., as other meetings start at 7:30 and the Presidency should not be disturbed while in meeting unless it is an emergency. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

"The schedules as set forth in the attached memorandum supersede all other schedules issued up to this date by our Stake."

Sincerely your brethren
OAKLAND-BERKELEY STAKE
PRESIDENCY
(signed) O. Leslie Stone, President

OaklandBerkeley Stake

Fred Hatt, Veteran Church Worker Dies After Long Illness

Frederick John Hatt, 66, of Claremont Ward, died in a local hospital Thursday February 21, 1957 after a lingering illness from a heart condition.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the Claremont Chapel, and also in Salt Lake City the following Tuesday. Burial was in Springville, Utah, the old home town of his widow, Christa Hatt.

In frail health for several years, Elder Hatt nevertheless inspired all who knew him because of his patient cheerful endurance of his physical disabilities. His kindly spirit, deep devotion and marked zeal in performance of every duty were contiuous characteristics of this good man.

He gave generously every ounce of his energy to his callings in the Church and devotion to his wife anl family.

Elder Hatt organized the first Sunday School in Redding, California. He was a perfect tithe payer and served as chairman of the senior Aaronic committee and as representative for the Primary on the Berkeley Stake high council, performing outstanding service in both these fields of service for several years. He was also advisor to Walnut Creek Branch and fathered that branch until it grew into a ward.

After being released from the high council Brother Hatt was sustained Claremont Ward chairman of the genealogical committee and served in this calling until his last illness.

Always active in genealogy, he succeeded in organizing the Hatt Family for this work and held their first family reunion last year.

Elder was born in Bluffdale, Utah August 12, 1891. He was a descendant of an old Spanish family of Northern California. His grandmother, Ann Francis Moses came as a young woman passenger on the Ship Brooklyn which brought a Latter-day Saints colony from New York to San Francisco in 1846 under the leadership of Samuel Brannon.

The young lady and her family moved to Delores, site of the old San Francisco Delores Mission and while living there she married Astacio Valencia. Elder Hatt's mother was born in San Francisco, later moving to Utah where Fred was born.

Elder Hatt succeeded in doing the temple work for many of his Spanish ancestors as well as others.

Frederick John Hatt is survived by his wife Christa, a daughter, Mrs. Grace Ponti of Rutherford, California, and a son Frederick Vaught Hatt of San Pablo and seven living grandchildren. Another son, Corp. Thomas Keith Hatt, lost his life in a tragic traffic accident in 1941 while in the Armed Service of his country.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake

Our Blood Bank Is Short 8 Pints; Calls For Volunteers

by Elmo Carr

The need is urgent to replenish our Blood Bank. Since the reorganization of the stake, not sufficient interest has been taken, so that our withdrawals have exceeded our replacements.

Last year we issued forty three pints from the Alameda County Blood Bank and nine pints from Permanente Hospital Bank. These fifty-two pints at $25.00 a pint saved our people $1300.00. Most of our members can ill afford hospital expenses and a saving of that amount has been greatly appreciated.

At the beginning of January 1957 we had one pint of blood on hand, and during last month four pints were donated. We had four of our faithful members in the hospital; of which two needed nine pints each and two needed two each. There was still some credit in the Oakland Stake Blood Bank, so nine pints were given us for our credit. As of February 1, the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Blood Bank is short eight pints.

Make your appointments immediately with the Alameda County Blood Bank. (Phone OL 4-2924.)

Special Invitation To All Berkeley Golden Gleaners

by Barbara C. Adams

The Golden Gleaners of the Oakland-Berkeley and Hayward Stakes extend a special invitation to the Golden Gleaners living in the Berkeley area to come and join us in our meetings.

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 25, at 8 p.m., at the home of Deone Sutherland, 5122 Congress Street, Oakland, at which time an interesting demonstration will be given. At the February meeting we all enjoyed a good chorus practice. The newly elected officers are:

President, Shirley Troub; Vice President, Ruth Thomas; Secretary, Ruth Bigler; Historian and Publicity, Barbara Adams; Program Committee: Chairman, Deone Sutherland; Members: Olive Esplin and Lee Asby. Music director, Ruth Wilson.

Oakland Branch Had Their Paper 43 Years Ago

Anna Davis Patton, Berkeley Ward historian, has sent the Messenger a typed copy of the little hand-typed Oakland Branch paper called "Success" which the MIA of the branch started Dec. 4, 1914.

This paper was prepared alternately by the branch YMMIA and YWMIA and read at the Sunday evening meetings.

Contents of the issue of Dec. 5, 1915 cover world news, local news, World War I news, branch news, and editorial by "Anna Davis", and an "Open Column" contribution on "Success" by Elder Willard Done, educator of Provo, Utah, then at the U.C. for advanced study.

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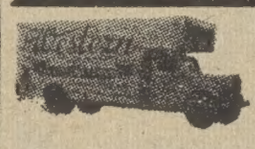

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New Inter-Stake Church Center Described As 'A Tremendous Building'

The soon-to-be Inter-stake Center chapel and social hall on Temple Hill, Oakland, were described by Pres. O. Leslie Stone at a recent MIA special interest class in the Oakland III Ward as "a tremendous building", with ample parking accommodations for approximately 700 Automobiles.

Underneath the social hall will be built a first story facing on Maiden Lane wihch will provide a baptistry with a large audience room which was described as really a small chapel

Among features of the Inter-stake Center will be a large kitchen equipped in the most modern style and adequate for expeditious serving of meals for 1000 people seated in the social hall adjacent. This kitchen will have an adequate serving area, a soiled-dish area, and two automatic dish washers.

Large Auditorium

Speaking of the chapel auditorium it was pointed out that the main floor will slant towards the pulpit, and seat 1700 while the balcony will accommodate another 500. Thus the structure is built not only to care for the present needs of surrounding stakes but for future growth. "It is indeed a building for the future", commented Elder Stone. Separate offices for two stake presidencies and a very large high council room will be provided.

The large social hall will provide folding bleachers for seating 1000 people at basketball games or other spectacles. These seats will fold up into a provided space for storage when not needed.

The spacious social hall is so large that 8 basketball teams could practice at one time. Two regulation-sized basketball courts will be marked on the floor and could be played at one time

The Inter-stake Center will cost approximately one and one-quarter million dollars to build, equip, and landscape.

Two LDS Scout Executives In Redwood City

(continued from page 7)

ed on a mission to the Northwest States in 1940-42. Prior to moving to Redwood City he was Scout Executive at Fresno, where he served in the bishopric of the Fresno Second ward, and was in the branch presidency of the Coalinga branch. He is now instructor of the Senior Aaronic group.

"Western Family," Food Store Print Cites S. L. Temple

"Western Family' a widely distributed food store magazine in its February 1957 issue feature two charming photographs of the Temple and Tabernacle in Salt Lake, and a complimentary commentary.

Typical of the accompanying article is this opening paragraph:

"Outsanding among the admired and interesting structures of the West are the Mormon Temple and the Tabernacle. They are the heart of Salt Lake City, in an environment of great natural beauty."

Greetings From The Corrys

Roland C. Corry, formerly of Berkeley Ward, now with the Arabian-American Oil Company in Saudi Arabia, sends under date of February 1 greetings to the Corry's many Bay area friends. He mentions visits to the Holy Land and other Bible-mentioned lands, and says that he and another brother are now enrolled in a BYU Extension Division course of Old Testament study.

It's Summer Here In Australia

Marie Lindsay, wife of Clyde W. Lindsay, who is "way down under" helping supervise the Church building program in the "island continent", writes of a January 28 summer outing they enjoyed while joining a celebration of "Australia Day", smiliar to our Fourth of July.

"This is a warm, beautiful summer day" she wrote on last January 29. Greetings are sent to all friends. Here's their address, just in case: Elder and Sr. Clyde W. Lindsay, 17 Middlehead Road, Mosman, N.S.W., Australia.

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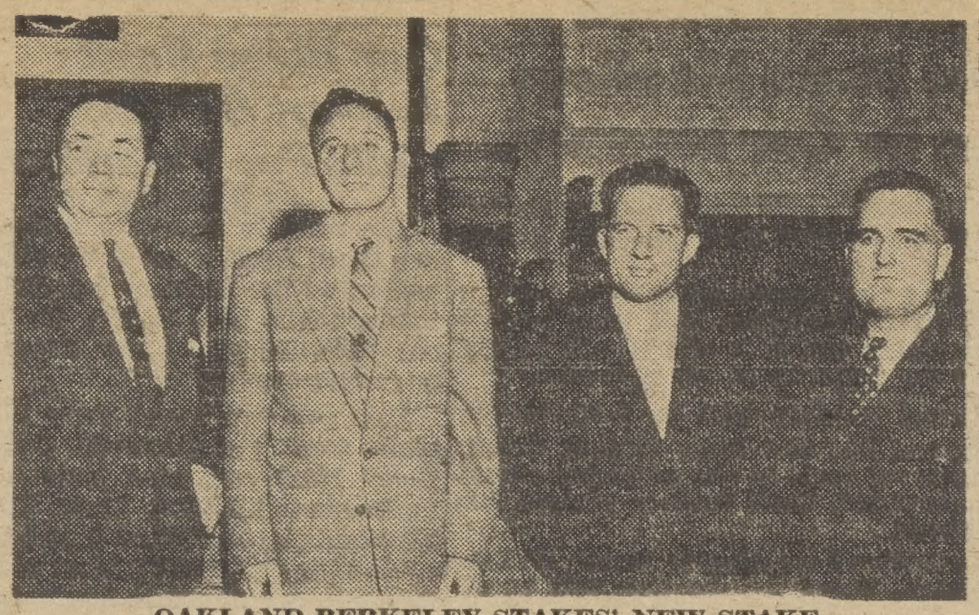

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. . . left to right, W. Paul Summerhays, high council adviser, Pres. Delbert H. Rock Jr., 1st Counselor, Armis J. Ashby and 2nd Counselor Theodore C. Hilton.

SEVEN PRETTY COOKS PREPARE GOODIES FOR REDWOOD CITY WARD'S "WELFARE FAIR," MARCH 16th. Busily stirring and tasting are, from left, Alice Klein, Luzon Ross, Patty Wallwork, Rubina Rivers, Ruth Packer, Joan Ellwood and Sandy Thomas.

Calif. Fliers Ran Out of Gas Over Great Salt Lake

Two California fliers were rescued by a helicopter from the mud flats of the Great Salt Lake after they had run out of gasoline over the lake near the Hooper shore line recently.

The Turlock, California plane carried 8800 newly hatched turkey chicks bound for South Dakota. Most of the polts were rescued before nightfall, but some of the $5000 cargo perished from the night's cold.

New Development In Stake Mission

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assistant to the mission presidency, has had a long record of activity to prepare him for the position. He was assistant ward clerk of the Redwood City ward when first organized, and there he organized the first Boy Scout unit, Troop 127, and became its first scoutmaster. He was stake clerk, 1948-54, and advisor to the deacons and to the teachers quorums. When the ward was divided into the Redwood City and San Carlos wards, he became first counselor to the bishop of the latter ward. He had served as a stake missionary five months before being appointed to his present position.

The missionary class, conducted by President John R. Davis, was begun February 11 with the following missionaries in attendance: Roy Snyder, San Carlos ward; Audrey Lloyd, San Mateo Second; Beverly Randell, San Mateo First; Lewis Johnson, and Thomas Last, San Bruno; and a husband and wife team from Redwood City ward, Karl and Grace Waggoner.

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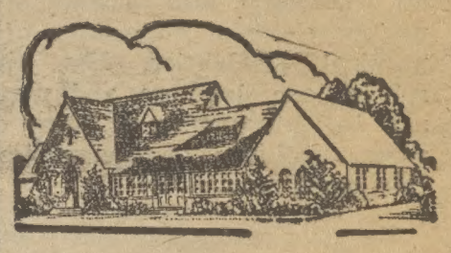

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